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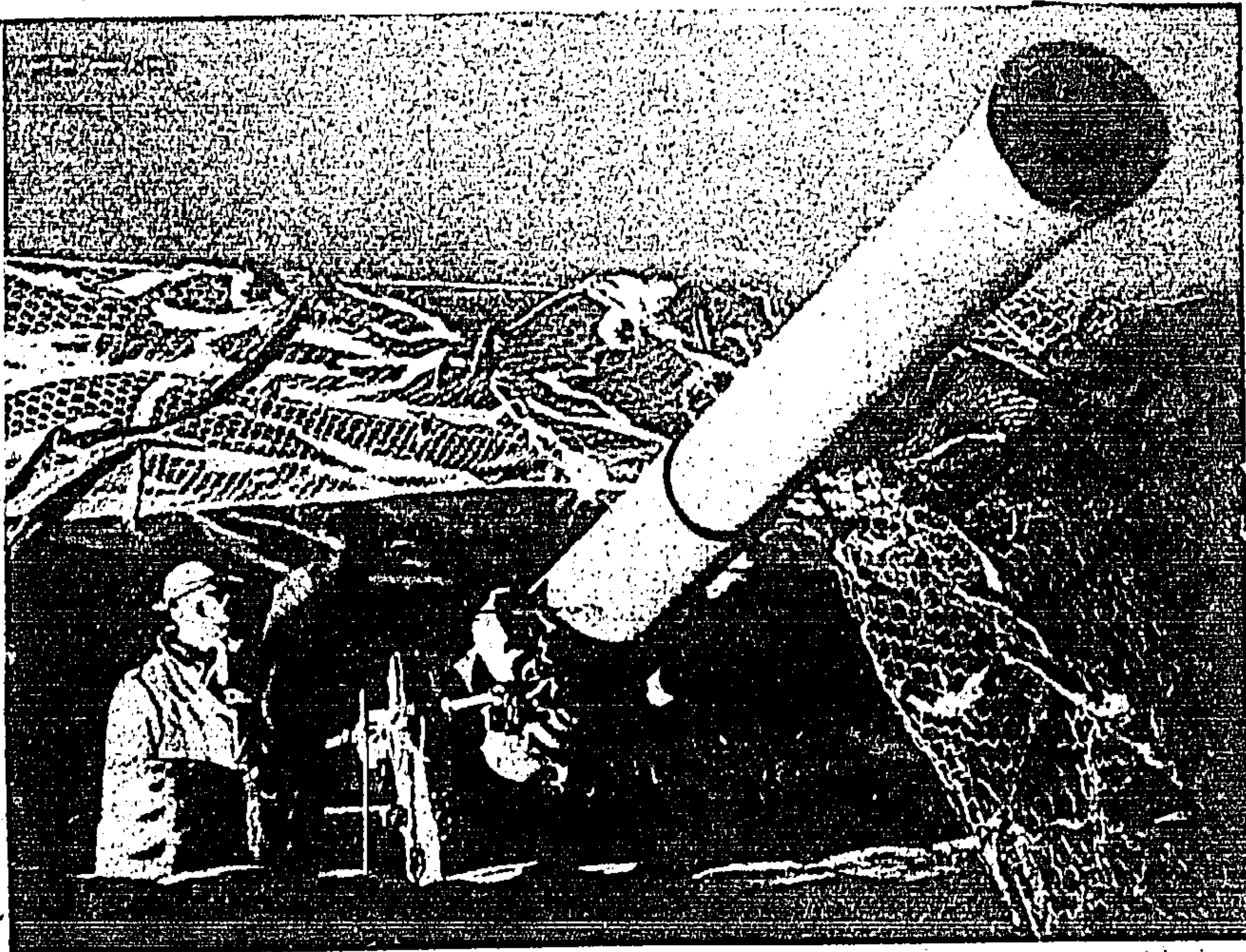
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TWO ITALIAN SHIPS DETAINED WITH GERMAN COAL CARGOES

ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT But Guns are Ready Day and Night



A GAS-MASKED British gun crew sheltering under the camouflage net of their emplacement. The British Expeditionary Force has taken over an advanced sector, and suffered its first casualties.

British Tommies Meet Fighting Skill Of Nazis On West Front

BRITISH MAGINOT OUTPOST RAIDED

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—News of a German raid on an outpost of the British Maginot force was contained in an official communique issued by the British General Headquarters to-night which states that "the raid occurred this morning against a post in the British front line and the enemy succeeded in capturing some prisoners. The post was recaptured and the enemy retired leaving one dead. Two British soldiers were killed and one wounded."

The reports that there has been increasing patrol activity on the Western Front may be due to the reliefs which are taking place on both sides of the line as well as improved weather conditions, writes Reuter's Military Correspondent.

More Cleverness
The German patrols have shown more cleverness than they did during the last war and old British soldiers with the B.E.F. attribute this to the Hitler Youth Movement and hiking. The Germans are less sheep-like than formerly, they change their routes when on patrol and have mastered the art of noiseless movement.

The German gunners have also improved and do not shell the same places at the same time, as they did in the last war. The German Army has not been wasting its time during the winter and has formed many new divisions, the majority of which are organized on the infantry pattern with drawn transport.

Only armoured and light tank divisions are completely mechanized. Shortage Of Staff Officers
Except in Poland, none of the present German Army's generals have held important commands in wartime. There is a serious shortage of trained staff officers in the German Army.

Since Hitler assumed power only a few have been able to complete the

DANUBE THAWS Shipping Traffic Soon To Resume

BUDAPEST, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The ice on the Danube has begun to break up and if the present warm weather holds and no considerable flooding occurs, the shipping traffic may be resumed in about a fortnight.

Since the Danube was frozen, two months ago some 1,200 ships, mostly bound for Germany, including 200 tankers and 400 grain ships, have been held up along the Hungarian reaches of the river.

RED CONSULATE IS CLOSED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KALGAN, Mar. 6 (Dome).—The Soviet Consulate at Kalgan has been closed due to the decrease of the number of Soviet residents in the district and the suspension of commercial transactions between Inner Mongolia and the Soviet Union.

M. Kotov, the Soviet Consul, and his wife left Kalgan for Peking several days ago. The Soviet Consulate at Kalgan was opened in June, 1934.

HOLLAND FURIOUS

Reaction To German Frighfulness

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Dutch newspaper correspondents in Berlin who enquired at the Wilhelmstrasse to-day in regard to the attacks of German planes on Dutch ships in the North Sea were informed that full reports had not yet been received from the Nazi pilots concerned, but it was assumed that the Dutch ships disobeyed orders given by the German planes.

If the planes dropped bombs or opened fire without warning, a spokesman added, they were acting contrary to International Law.

Hard To Explain Away
Dutch commentators point out that in not one single case has any warning been given by German planes before they were fired upon. Moreover, unless the planes concerned were seen, it was manifestly impossible for them to reach Dutch ships for contraband as they were legally bound to do before trying to sink them.

The Dutch Government has announced that the Anglo-Italian economic talks to be held in Rome have been suspended, unofficial contacts are continuing.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, MARCH 5 (UP).—DESPITE ITALIAN PROTESTS, GREAT BRITAIN HAS PUT INTO EFFECT HER DECISION NOT TO PERMIT GERMAN COAL TO BE CARRIED TO ITALY.

The Minister for Economic Warfare, Mr. Ronald Cross, revealed in the House of Commons to-day that two Italian vessels on route from Rotterdam to Genoa have been detained.

The Italian vessels concerned are the 8,631-ton Orata and the 5,968-ton Laosso.

It is understood that the Orata arrived at the Control Base at 1 p.m. and the Laosso a few hours later.

Other Italian vessels are expected to arrive to-day and to-morrow.

ITALY "SURPRISED"

A Rome message states that the seizures have surprised official circles, despite the fact that Britain had warned Italy that contraband control would be extended to German coal as from March 1.

Fascist circles state that the seizures will greatly aggravate existing relations between Italy and Britain.

A Rome message claims that the two vessels were loaded at Rotterdam before March 1, but were unable to sail owing to adverse weather conditions. For this reason it had been believed in Rome that they at least would have been exempt from British contraband regulations.

Authoritative circles in Rome state that the incident might lead to "grave developments."

In announcing the detention of the two Italian ships, Mr. Ronald Cross reiterated the warning that any German coal exported via Rotterdam to Italy would be liable to seizure, and ships carrying such coal would be liable to detention as a prize in accordance with the amplified British contraband regulations.

"German coal exports to Italy have now ceased," the Minister stated.

Vatican Intercooled
It is authoritatively stated in Vatican City circles that the Holy See has informed the Italian Government that Vatican diplomats are at Italy's disposal to resolve the Anglo-Italian coal dispute amicably in line with the policy of keeping Italy out of the present conflict.

It is understood that His Holiness the Pope has also telegraphed Cardinal Hinsley, the Archbishop of Westminster, and Monsignor William Godfrey, the Apostolic Delegate to London, asking them to co-operate to their fullest in the Vatican's attempt to bring about a quick rapprochement.

Supplies Have Ceased
LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—"Any ships which now sail as neutral vessels carrying German coal from Rotterdam are detained, and already to-day two vessels have been detained," stated Mr. Ronald Cross, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

Asked further whether German coal was being exported in Italian vessels from Rotterdam to Italy, Mr. Cross stated: "That has now ceased."

Just A Great Big Bully
THE HAGUE, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Another attempt to persuade neutrals that Britain is just a great big bully has been made by the German Legation here which replied to the British statement made recently on neutrals.

The neutrals, says the German Legation, are being intimidated by Britain. It is not in keeping with neutrality to conform to the demands of enemy Powers, concluded the German Legation.

Four More Ships On Way
ROTTERDAM, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Four more Italian colliers laden with German coal for Italy left here to-day. Six others are still in the harbour.

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Nazi Air Onslaught In March

Theory Confirmed In House Of Commons

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 5 (UP).—The widespread theory that the month of March will see German air raids over Britain received semi-official sanction in the House of Commons to-day, when the President of the Board of Trade told questioners:

"In view of the risks of serious air raids during the period we are now entering, the Government will not reduce below the current rate, the war risk insurance on landed goods in Britain, which is one fourth of one per cent per month.

He stated that the war risk fund now totalled £10,020,014.

New Warships For America

Contracts Awarded To New York Firm

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (UP).—The Navy Department to-day announced that they have awarded to the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, N.J., contracts for the construction of two 10,000-light cruisers for the sum of \$17,000,000 each, to be named Cleveland and Columbia.

These are the last of the 21 combatant ships authorized under the 1935 expansion programme.

It is reported they will have great speed and cruising range and will mount 6 inch guns. They will be completed within 30 and 39 months respectively.

EXPROPRIATION SETTLEMENT

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Senor Castillo Mijera, Ambassador to Washington, returning here, declares that he has brought the basis for a general settlement with the Sinclair interests for the settlement of their claims for the properties which were expropriated.

The agreement, would consist of payment of a sum tentatively fixed and signature of a long-term contract under which the Sinclair interests would purchase Mexican oil.

FINNS BATTLE ON ICE FLOES

By EDWARD BEATTIE
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 5 (UP).

In the most daring attacks of the Finnish War, the Russians to-day sent two columns over the ice in the Bay of Finland.

The columns were composed of light tanks manned by two men each and they hurled an attack against the islands of Haapasaari and Virolahti.

Both columns were cut to pieces by Finnish coastal batteries.

To-day's official Finnish communique states that the Finns continue to repulse Russian attacks on the islands near Viborg and also on the cape at the mouth of the Bay and on the northwest shore.

It claimed that 500 Russians were killed to-day in fighting at Kuho. Local attacks at Aeyraepajarvi and Polakala between Viborg Bay and Vuoksi were repulsed.

The air raid alarm was sounded for 15 minutes in Helsingfors this morning but anti-aircraft batteries prevented the raiders from reaching the city.

Marking Time

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, 5 (UP).—The "Berlingske Aftenavis" correspondent at Helsingfors to-day reports that the Russians are now marking time outside Viborg for two reasons: first, because the suburbs have been heavily mined by the Finns, and it is therefore dangerous to advance under the enemy's rearguard fire; secondly, because the Russians want to protect their flanks to the north and south, and to avoid being trapped in Viborg itself.

In a daring manoeuvre the Russians are trying to strike far out across the Gulf of Finland outside the Bay of Viborg and the well fortified positions which the Finns have prepared along the coast of the bay, in order to turn these fortifications. This would be difficult without sufficient artillery to break up the ice.

New Land Advance

The report stated that the Russians have reached a point on land near Vuoksi, 40 miles south of Viborg and 20 miles east of Frederikshamn, but the Finns report that this landing from the ice was repulsed at the last moment by hastily reinforced Finnish forces.

The Finns are said to be urgently in need of pursuit planes in this sector as well as on their north flank at Aeyraepajarvi Pass, east of Helsingfors, where the Russians are attempting to broaden their flank and to cut the Taipale defences from the rear.

It is also reported that north of Lake Ladoga, a Russian division—believed to be the 108th—have been surrounded near Kitelee and are at present in a dangerous situation under constant action by Finnish patrols.

Finnish Communique

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—To-day's Finnish communique states that on the Karelian Isthmus the enemy made attacks all day against the islands in the Bay of Viborg and on the north of the western beach.

Fighting continued at most places north of the Bay. At other places, the attacks have been repulsed.

Fighting continues in the Kuho sector. Our troops have repulsed Russian attack and have captured several enemy tanks.

Enemy losses were more than 800 killed. Enemy air activity was confined to some flights on the Isthmus and over the districts north-east of Lake Ladoga. Three enemy planes were shot down.

GINGER ROGERS SEEKS DIVORCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HOLLYWOOD, March 5 (UP).

Ginger Rogers the film star has filed a petition for divorce from her husband, Lew Ayres, charging desertion.

Mr. Ayres is not contesting the suit which has been filed in the Superior Court. The couple have been separated for five years.

They were married in 1934. Two years later they announced that they were separating amicably without any idea of securing a divorce.

Lew Ayres became a "star" when he played a leading role in the famous war film "All Quiet on the Western Front," recently released and shown in Hongkong.

A Hongkong Favourite
For some time after he became somewhat obscure in the film world, but he has again come to the forefront in his series of "Dr. Kildare" films, in which he stars with Lionel Barrymore.

Ginger Rogers, once selected by Hongkong film fans as the most popular actress of the year, became famous through her work with Fred Astaire, but more recently she has been playing starred straight roles, her latest picture in Hongkong being "Fifth Avenue Girl."

No Burma Oil For China
Repayment Scheme In Operation

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, Secretary for Mines, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, said that no oil products had been sold by the Burma Oil Company to China, and that no such sales were contemplated.

The Burma Oil Company, on behalf of other companies, not producers of oil, in India and Burma have made available certain supplies to China on the understanding that equivalent supplies are simultaneously repaid at a port in Burma or India.

No question has, therefore arisen of supplying China at the expense of Burma or India, and the effect on exchange is exactly the same as if imported supplies are sent direct to China.

LATEST

MORE SHIPS ARRIVE

LONDON, Mar. 6 (UP).—A total of five Italian steamers have now arrived at the British Contraband Control Base in the Downs.

Britain has dealt the hardest blow aimed at any neutral Power since she adopted the policy of reprisals against German exports last December.

Germany sends Italy about 9,000,000 tons of coal annually. About two-thirds are transported by sea routes.

Four more Italian coal ships left Rotterdam to-day in addition to the six which left over the week-end.

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Parcels only for Tientsin 2.30 p.m.
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 14th Mar. K.P.O.

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Thursday, March 7
Canton 7.15 a.m.
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Amoy 10 a.m.
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Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Saiton 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Reunion, Madagascar, Marquesas and South Africa via Durban 3.30 p.m.
Amoy 7 p.m.
Manila 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 14th Mar. K.P.O.

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Friday, March 8

Shanghai and Japan 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, and Hanoi 1.30 p.m.
Tientsin (Parcels only) 2.30 p.m.
Yokohama, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco 24th Mar. K.P.O.

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Saturday, Mar. 9
Saiton, Amoy and Formosa 10.30 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 6th April. G.P.O. and K.P.O.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty first Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, 1940, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1940, to WEDNESDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
Acting Secretary.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

HONGKONG, 27th February, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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News Chronicle Correspondent with the French Army

FRANCE.
I HAVE just seen France's most famous troops (not counting the legendary Foreign Legion) in close contact with the enemy.

They are the Chasseurs Alpins the "Blue Devils," as they have been proudly called; and their prowess of to-day is no less than their fame of yesterday.

Natives of Savoy for the most part, they are mountain men, and the Alpine villages between Switzerland and the sea, they are some of the southernmost of the mountain fastnesses of France.

When the call to action sounded at the beginning of September, the Chasseurs Alpins were at their usual posts along the Mediterranean coast of France and in the mountains that form their south-eastern frontiers.

The Traditional Beret
They looked forward then to a campaign starting from their native soil and waged in their native climate which would have justified their years of watching and shown the world at once what they could do.

The place in which I found them is at the extreme limit of an advanced section of the French outpost line not in the Alps or the Pyrenees nor on any such romantic frontier, but in the rain-soaked, muddy corner of North-Eastern France.

There they were, a trifle shamed by khaki greatcoats over their beloved dark blue dress, with khaki painted steel helmets substituted (when they absolutely had to wear them) for their wide black berets or even balanced insecurely on the top of them.

Not a man in the ranks failed to echo their middle-aged but wiry captain's observation: "Noblesse oblige. The Alpin must show the way."

NAZI PATROL OUT IN NO-MAN'S LAND

This is a German Photograph from The Western Front. Is it real, or is it another Nazi fake?

PHOTOGRAPH on right, just received from Berlin via Japan (and passed by the British Censors) purports to reveal a Nazi patrol in No Man's Land on the Moselle sector, cutting through the French barbed wire barricades. Patrol activity has been frequent on both sides of the front lines.—Domei.



He's 3ft. 11in.: Too Small, Say Forces

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD Ronald Harvey, an Ipswich pageboy, is annoyed with the armed forces. None of them will have him because of his height—he is 3ft. 11in.

The Navy said: "Far too small." The Air Force did not bother to give him a second look.

The Army rejected him "on account of his small stature."

To a reporter Ronald said: "There doesn't seem to be any room anywhere for a good little 'un."

"But I'm going to give the Army one more chance. If they turn me down again we little men of Britain are going to know the reason why."

"We shall have to get together and put our feet down firmly."

"Hitler Cannot Match This"

OTTAWA.
SAID Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Governor of Kenya, when he arrived at Ottawa to join the British Air Mission: "Hitler cannot match the Empire air training scheme in Canada. It is one of the most important steps taken to ensure ultimate victory."

ALTMARK INCIDENT: OFFICIAL STORY

The official account of the British action against the German prison ship Altmark was contained in two communiqués issued by the Admiralty. Following is the text of the first communiqué:

"It will be remembered that the Graf Spee sank seven British merchant ships in the South Atlantic before Christmas. The officers were made prisoners on board the pocket battleship and were treated tolerably. The seamen, on the other hand, were confined in the Altmark, an auxiliary of the German Fleet, which according to the reports of the British prisoners liberated from the Graf Spee, was armed with concealed guns. Between three and four hundred British merchant seamen were held prisoners in this vessel, and upon the evidence of those of them who were transferred to the Graf Spee and later rescued, grievous hardships and severities were inflicted upon them.

Traced To Norway
"Since then the Altmark vanished from the seas, and no trace of her could be found until it appeared, on the 15th, that she was moving down the Norwegian coast, taking advantage of its peculiar configuration and endeavouring to convey these three or four hundred British merchant seamen captives through Norwegian territorial waters to confinement in Germany.

"Accordingly certain of H.M. ships which were conveniently disposed were set in motion, and certain aircraft reconnaissance was made, as the result of which a vessel bearing the name of the Altmark, and conforming in every respect to her description, took refuge in the Norwegian fiord of Joesling, after having been sighted by coastal reconnaissance aircraft and intercepted by H.M.S. Intrepid, Commander R. C. Gordon, Royal Navy.

"Orders were given by the Admiralty, with the full authority of H.M. Government, to enter neutral waters, search the Altmark, and rescue any prisoners if found on board.

Joint Search Offer Refused
"Joesling Fiord has a dead end, and two Norwegian gunboats appeared at its mouth.

"The British Commander, Capt. P. L. Vian, H.M.S. Cossack, was instructed to offer to place a joint British and Norwegian guard upon the ship, and to escort it with British and Norwegian warships to Bergen, where the search could be conducted and the whole matter investigated according to international law. This offer was not accepted.

"The captain of the Norwegian gunboat stated that the ship was unarmed, but he knew nothing about any prisoners on board, that she had been examined at Bergen the day before, and had received permission to use Norwegian territorial waters on her passage to Germany.

"Upon these assurances the British destroyer force withdrew from territorial waters, but after dark, on receipt of the Admiralty orders, the destroyer Cossack with the British Commander on board re-entered the fiord.

"The Norwegian gunboats refused co-operation in the search, but remained passive.

"The Altmark was manoeuvred so as to try to sink the Cossack as she prepared to board. In doing so the Altmark ran aground stern first, and Cossack came alongside her and boarded her. Fighting followed, in which, according to a wireless message from the Altmark, four Germans were killed and five seriously wounded. One British casualty was sustained.

"The Altmark was overpowered, part of her crew fled to the shore, and the rest submitted. Between three and four hundred British prisoners, who had been battered down below, were now found, rescued and taken on board the Cossack, which with other British vessels in company is now approaching British shores.

"The liberated prisoners state that during the Norwegian examination at Bergen of the Altmark, their efforts to make their presence known to the searching party were unheeded.

"A full report has been called for, both from Capt. Vian, whose conduct has been highly commended, and from the freed prisoners, upon all the circumstances.

"In the early part of these proceedings the German tanker Baldur, passing by outside territorial waters, was summoned to stop by the destroyer Ivanhoe, Cmdr. P. H. Hawdon, and thereupon scuttled herself in the German fashion."

"No Prisoners On Board"
"Additional details of the action were given in the second communiqué, which said:

"On entering the fiord after dark, Capt. Vian, of H.M.S. Cossack, went on board the Norwegian boat, Kjell, and requested that the Altmark should be taken to Bergen with a joint Anglo-Norwegian guard and under a joint escort in order that all matters might be cleared in accordance with international law.

"The commanding officer of the Norwegian warship, in refusing this request, stated that he was acting under instructions from his Government.

"He gave an assurance that there could be no British prisoners on board the Altmark as that vessel had been twice examined in Norwegian ports. Capt. Vian asked that this assurance should be put to the proof.

U.S. MANOEUVRES IN THE CARIBBEAN

Hint For Holland—And Germany?

WASHINGTON, (UP — By AIR EXPRESS). — American naval manoeuvres off the Dutch West Indies suggested that the Navy may be preparing to defend the strategic Caribbean islands if Holland is drawn into the European war.

President Roosevelt said at his press conference that 22 naval vessels of the Atlantic squadron manoeuvring in the Caribbean will operate off and out of the Dutch islands of Curacao, Aruba, Bonaire and St. Eustatius. He said that this was no more than routine training.

More Than Coincidence

The Navy and State Department refused to comment. Diplomatic circles, however, speculated that assembly of the Atlantic squadron near the Dutch islands following recent Dutch military defence measures, might be more than coincidence.

Recently George A. Gordon, United States minister to The Netherlands conferred with Queen Wilhelmina at The Hague. The White House never disclosed the nature of the conference, but it was considered possible now that it concerned American naval operations in the West Indies.

The incident recalled Mr. Roosevelt's declaration shortly after the outbreak of the European war that the United States, under the Monroe Doctrine, would not countenance:

1. Transfer of any western hemisphere territory from one European nation to another.

2. Transfer of any western hemisphere territory to a non-American power.

Informed sources hinted that there may be significance in Mr. Roosevelt's decision to send the Atlantic squadron on "good neighbour" calls to the tiny Netherlands Indies at a time when the Netherlands government apparently considers itself endangered.

Warning To Nazis?

The manoeuvres precipitated semi-official speculation that the incident might imply:

1. A warning to Germany and all other European powers that revision of the Netherlands government's status quo could not result in change of ownership of the Dutch West Indies.

2. A demonstration that the United States fleet is prepared to defend the strategically vital Caribbean approaches to the Panama Canal.

3. That the lines of western hemisphere defences run along and through islands owned by European nations as well as territory of the Americas.

4. Active Atlantic squadron preparation for any eventuality by familiarising officers with harbours, navigation conditions, topography and populations of the tiny but important islands.

Mr. Roosevelt did not say that Curacao, Aruba, Bonaire and St. Eustatius are all Dutch islands, in revealing the locale of the naval manoeuvres. One source suggested that the squadron obviously could not have been sent to British or French Caribbean possessions in view of war conditions. But the same source also pointed out that it would have been possible to send the fleet to the waters of neutral American nations in the Caribbean rather than to the four Netherlands' islands.

RAILWAY DISASTER

Japanese Train's Crash Over Bridge

Tokyo, Mar. 5.

One of the most appalling train disasters in recent years occurred between Kokuri and Tamagawa, on the Yonezawa line. In the early hours of this morning when the Yonezawa train bound for Sakamachi, Niigata Prefecture, crashed over a 20-foot bridge which had been destroyed by a heavy landslide caused by a snow drift.

Derailed by the impact, the engine and foremost carriages were hurled to the valley 21 yards below, where piled up on each other they were almost instantaneously enveloped in flames. Only the hindmost carriage escaped the disaster.

It is feared the death toll will exceed 100. Twenty-three passengers travelling in the rear car escaped with minor bruises.

Rescue corps were immediately hurried to the spot but their work was greatly hindered by a snow fall, three yards deep and by the exceedingly rough slopes flanking the railway line.—Domei.

ETHEL, ALL FORLORN

ETHEL RYLANDS, an adventuress, swindled London firms of nearly £2,500 by looking sorry for herself.

"It was her forlorn manner that made people do what she asked," one of her friends said. Ethel, aged 27, was sentenced, at Bow-street, to ten months' jail for stealing a platinum ring, a gold watch, and a diamond bracelet from three separate jewellers.

Three other cases were taken into consideration. She once tricked a London solicitor into guaranteeing her bank account and giving her a reference, on which she ran up a debt of £1,500.

PARKING FEE IN THE DESERT

Probably the only man in the world who has been charged a parking-free for leaving his aircraft in the desert is the adjutant at one of the Royal Air Force Fighter stations.

He is partly responsible for the defence of industrial Britain.

Before the war, he wore Arab dress and a beard, and was one of that select band of Englishmen who have lived and liked the hard life of the Arab in the desert. He was Chief of the Saudi Arabian Air Force.

Now, instead of flying thousands of miles over the Desert of the Singing Sands or the sandy mountains of the Western Desert, quelling tribal disputes for the greatest of the Arab Kings and landing where no aircraft had ever touched down before, he sits working with countless forms and telephones instructions.

The adjutant tells one story of a tribal war that was settled as soon as his landing wheels touched ground. The King of Saudi Arabia was his passenger. As they approached the troubled district, they heard sounds of sporadic firing, and flying low over the warring Arabs, they saw bursts of fire on either side. They landed in No Man's Land—and the war stopped.

For miles in either direction were to be seen the recumbent forms of thousands of Arabs, brought to their knees by a King, a pilot, and an aeroplane.

British, and two Germans who were scrambling across the ice to join those already ashore were hit.

Officers' Rescue Dive
"At the same time another German fell into the water amid the broken ice. Two of the Cossack's officers plunged overboard and saved him. It was discovered that the Altmark was armed with two pom-poms and four machine-guns."

"One of the officers stated that she had twice been visited (besucht) while in Norwegian waters, but had not been searched (untersucht).

"This would explain the fact that the 300 British prisoners on board who were clamouring for release were not noticed."

"As soon as the boarding party and all the British prisoners had been safely embarked in the Cossack she proceeded out of the fiord and joined the rest of the British forces."

The Ivanhoe had, during the afternoon, rescued the crew of the German tanker Baldur which had scuttled herself, and all the British ships proceeded in company, and without molestation, on their homeward journey, being protected by strong forces both upon the sea and from the air."

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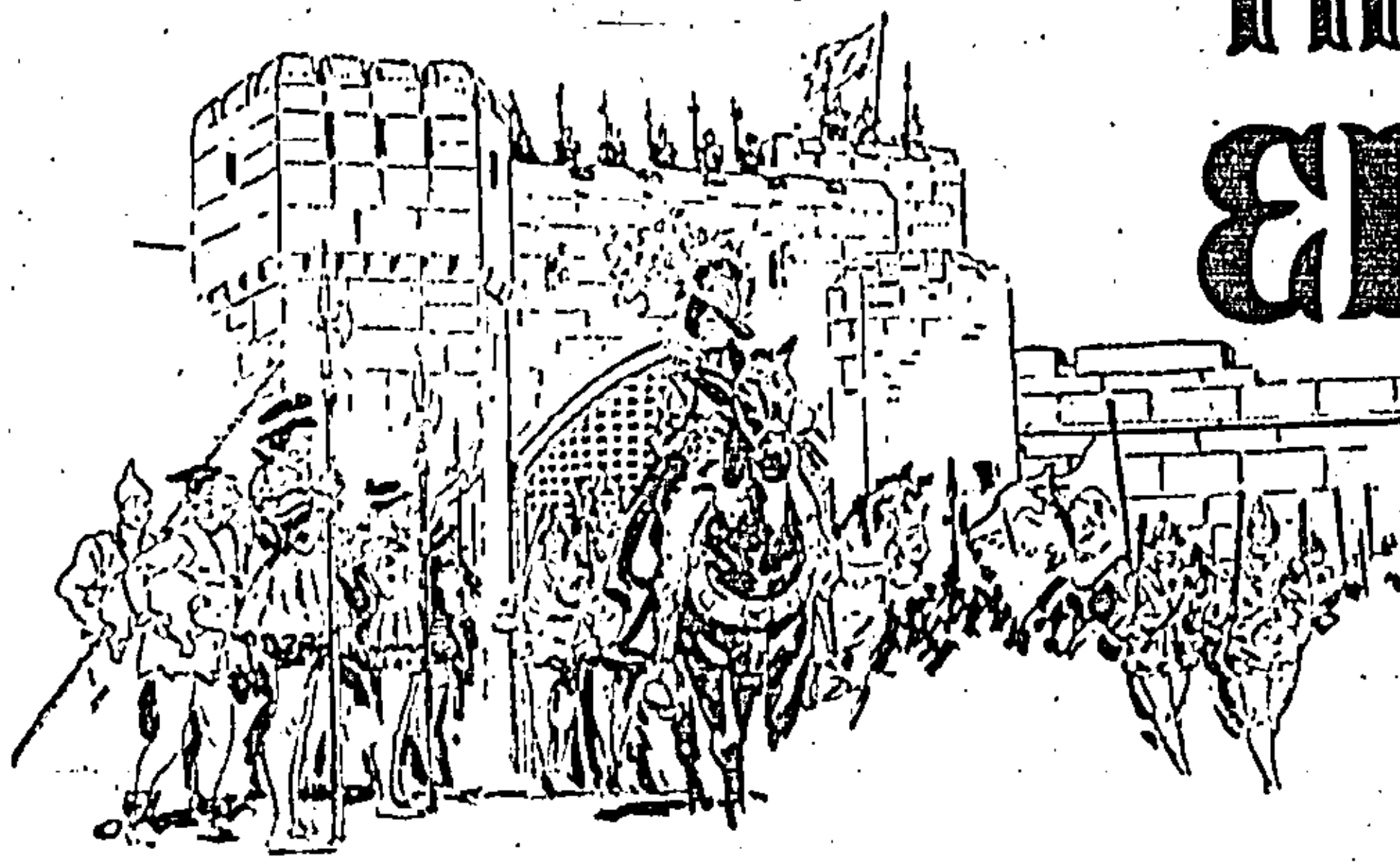
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"OUT with it, Bacon!" Essex spoke impatiently, looking down at the royal messenger from his prancing charger, the sharp talons of his hooded falcon gripped around his gauntleted wrist.

"You've not come this long way just to bid the time of day!" Then his voice softened. "Was it the Queen herself who sent you?"

"Yes, my lord Essex, and Her Majesty says . . ."

"I can guess what she says," exclaimed Essex eagerly. "She sends me her dear love, and begs me to return! Ah, if she could but know how greatly I've longed for this moment . . ."

"Your desires out-race fact, my lord! The Queen commands . . ."

"Commands, does she!" he broke in sharply.

"Bacon!" the falconer in Ireland! Her Majesty needs you in London, and commands you to your duty!"

"Does she take me for a servant? She insults me before the entire court, then, when an emergency comes, and she finds she needs a man to help her, she commands me to return! The devil with her and with Ireland, too! I'll stay here till England rings with an apology from her, as public as her affront!"

"SOFTLY, my lord!" warned Bacon with a grim smile. "If you lose your head now, you'll lose it in earnest later on! Have . . ."

THE STORY THUS FAR: London, 1596, The Earl of Essex and his subordinates, Sir Walter Raleigh and Lord Howard are summoned before Queen Elizabeth on their return from the successful storming of Cadiz in Spain. Essex—with whom the Queen is notoriously infatuated—is enraged when Elizabeth, instead of praising him for heroism, denounces him as having been actuated by selfishness, and elevates Raleigh and Howard to places of honour. Essex angrily protests and the Queen strikes him across the face. He turns his back on her and leaves London. Her armies are defeated in Ireland and Francis Bacon suggests that she order Essex back to lead a new army. Telling Bacon she wants Essex back, alive and with her, but not in Ireland to be killed, she sends him to bring Essex back.

you forgotten you're talking about the Queen?"

"Queen!" retorted Essex contemptuously, "she's nothing but the great-granddaughter of a Welsh pantyman! My fathers stood with King John at Runnymede! As I told you before, Bacon, I'll stay here!"

"That'll be welcome news to those about the Queen!"

"What do you mean?"

"Haven't you heard? Cecil, laden with honours—Coke appointed Attorney-General—and Raleigh steadily worming himself into favour! Yes, every day the wily Sir Walter grows nearer to her in counsel . . . closer in her affections!"

"You say that Raleigh—the nincompoop—is . . . is . . ."

"She's just given him new silver armour, the magnificence of which fairly blinds the sun!"

"Immmmm-m . . . and closer in her affections, you say . . ."

"For lack, my lord, of someone dearer . . . She still loves you; but being a woman, she has her pride . . ."

"So has a man . . . and he can hang on to it longer."

"Having the stiffer neck?"

"Bah!" ejaculated Essex, roughly fondling his falcon. "There's no . . ."

Of course I'll go back, at once! It is my duty as a soldier!"

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IN the wide torch-lit hall outside the Queen's private apartments were gentlemen pensioners, ladies-in-waiting, servant in livery—and Sir Walter Raleigh, resplendent in his silver armour, gift of Her Majesty.

When Lady Penelope Grey entered from an inner room he caught her arm and with elaborate courtesy said, "I'll lay you a wager, my dear, that you're rushing to the window to see Essex arrive! Tell me, what sort of a reception will he get?"

"One that will little please you!" "And one," he retorted, stung by her manner, "that will please you even less! So run, my lady! Run quickly, lest you miss this romantic fellow, who gives his favours so easily and go widely!"

Even as he spoke, his own men came in, each wearing shining armour, precisely like his own! They explained that it had been presented to them as they came off guard, and that they had been instructed to put it on at once!

In the midst of his fury and amazement, Essex strode in. "Greetings, Sir Walter!" he cried gleefully, looking him up and down. "By the Mass, you're even more splendid than I'd imagined!"

"I've borne enough from you, my lord," shouted Raleigh, whipping out his blade.

The keen blades were crossing as Bacon sprang forward and threw them up with his point.

"Have you forgotten, Sir Walter," Bacon said with a faintly knowing smile, "that Her Majesty awaits my lord Essex!"

Down Under (Land of the Diggers) Wonders If It's Cosmopolitan

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
One of the things which trouble this metropolis of the South Pacific is whether or not it is really cosmopolitan, whether it ranks with the great cities of the world in urbanity and approach to living.

Walking about Sydney you might be misled by its abundant vitality, its disregard of conventions and its apparent acceptance of the speed of modern life. On the surface Sydney is a self-satisfied, bustling, modern city, fully occupied with the present, sure of its place in the world, and driving ahead with that faith in the future which is characteristic of a young country. But if you accept Sydney on trust, on the strength of its appearance you will be wrong. Actually, Sydney is far from being the confident, assured, rather strident matron she appears. More she resembles the debutante, busy with her new freedom but uncertain of her values, much concerned with evening up her original and lack of real experience, full of the strength of fresh youth but squandering it.

Living here it is difficult not to fall in love with this uneven, brightly patterned southern metropolis, sprawling about the waters of its blue and tortuous harbour, and its exuberance, its blue water, and its cheerful provincialism all have a strong appeal. You get to like the distorted streets, the prevalent feeling that work is not all that sea and cricket field and tennis court are just waiting for you to whisk away from the pretence of living, the untroubled Australians, and the assumption that the whole of this vast continent really exists as a background to this vital town.

But before long you become aware that the apparent unconcern with which Sydney faces the world is tempered by a real anxiety about the attitude of her visitors. Do you think Sydney is really cosmopolitan? dwellers here want to know. What is your opinion of her architecture, her art galleries, her newspapers and magazines? Are the galleries sufficiently stocked with masterpieces? Are they better than those of her sister Melbourne? Do you detect a distinctively Australian note in her culture? And so on endlessly.

through the week-end hours, the towering flats which leave you rather astonished when you are told (as you are so often) that Australians love their homes to the point of liking to stay in them while other nations dash about; the same movies, the foreign restaurants, the vessels from a hundred far ports moving easily in and out at the piers.

But you will also see some oddly incongruous sights. You will find that Friday nights the whole of the vast and tropical suburbs of the city seems to empty its contents into the centre of the town. And since the uptown district in Sydney is enormously greater than its heart, the result is something akin to Main Street parade in Gopher City. Maybe the Thursday pay check accounts for this phenomenon, but Friday finds all Sydney parading the streets for the sake of the parade. You will find at the same time it is impossible to get into the city's chief movie houses these nights unless you make reservation a week ahead. This is Sydney's evening out.

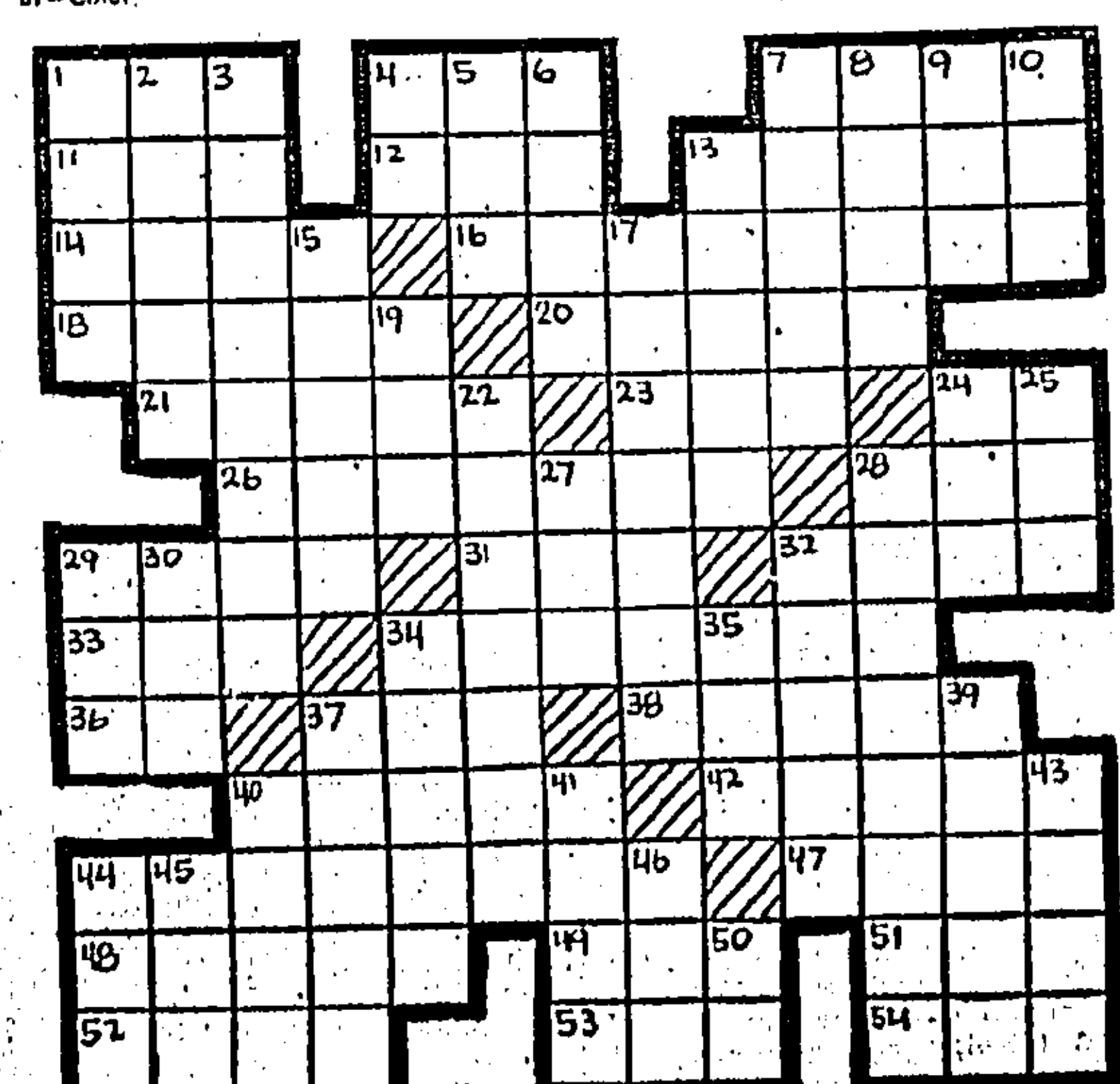
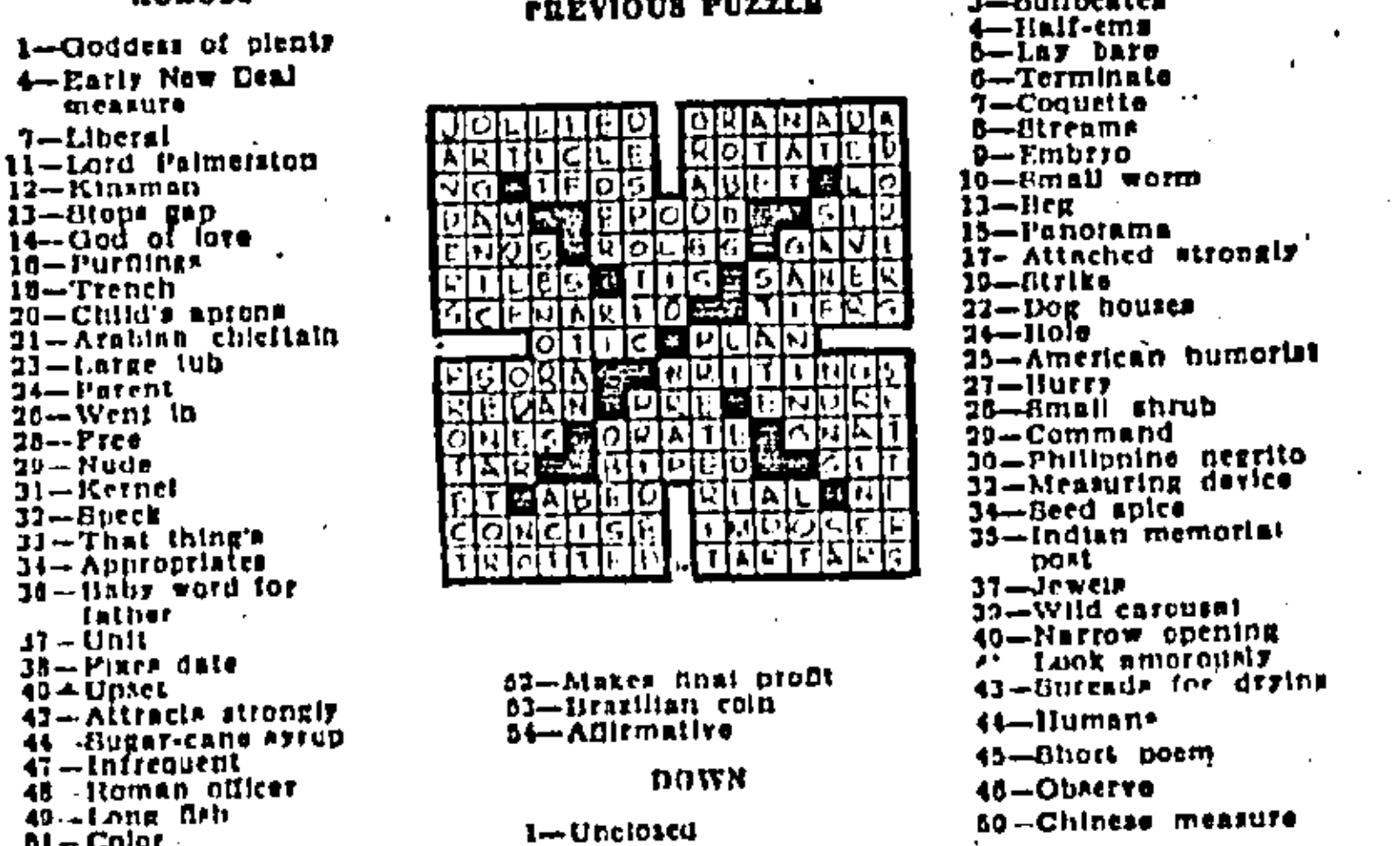
And Sundays you will find the cosmopolitan atmosphere very much absent. The Sabbath here has overtones of Victorian England; no shows, no movies, few eating houses open. The Australian will tell you he stands midway between London and San Francisco, that he is more laconic and less well-dressed than the Londoner, and less easy-going and more conservative than the Californian. He will say he is cautious in his approach to newspapers, lacking in high spirits and without the art of self-advertisement. These comments were printed in a Sydney newspaper the other day as true of the type. To the visitor they are astonishing. He finds the Australian communicative, prosperous-looking, dressed in his own style which precludes, almost as undemocratic, the striped pants and silk hats of the Londoner; adventurous, and full of gaiety. The observer will also be struck by the fact that, well above the belief of the Australian in his own country, and his acceptance of the duty of revealing that belief to the visitor. And the Sydney harbour, vast and unexpected and busy, he finds one of the best playgrounds on earth.

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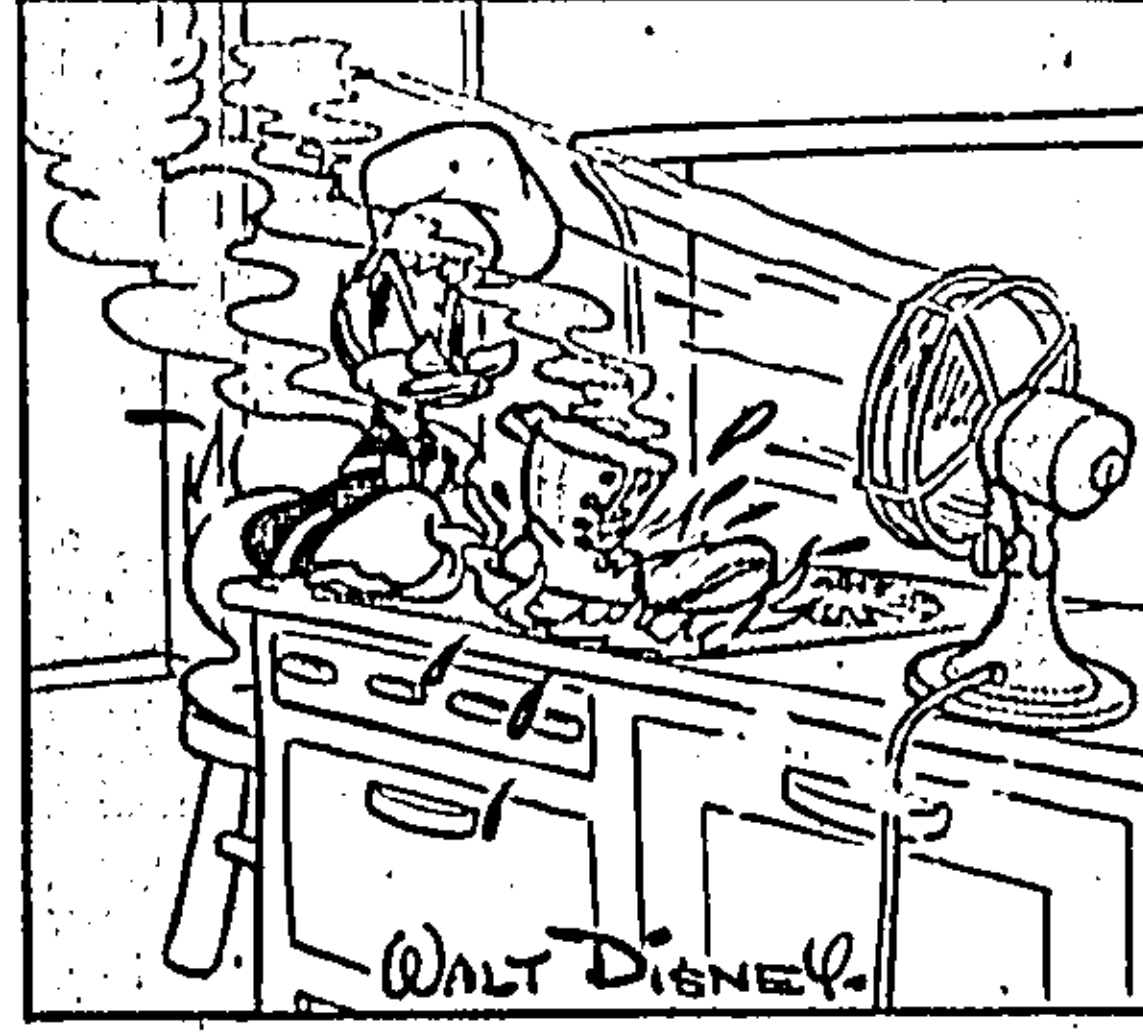
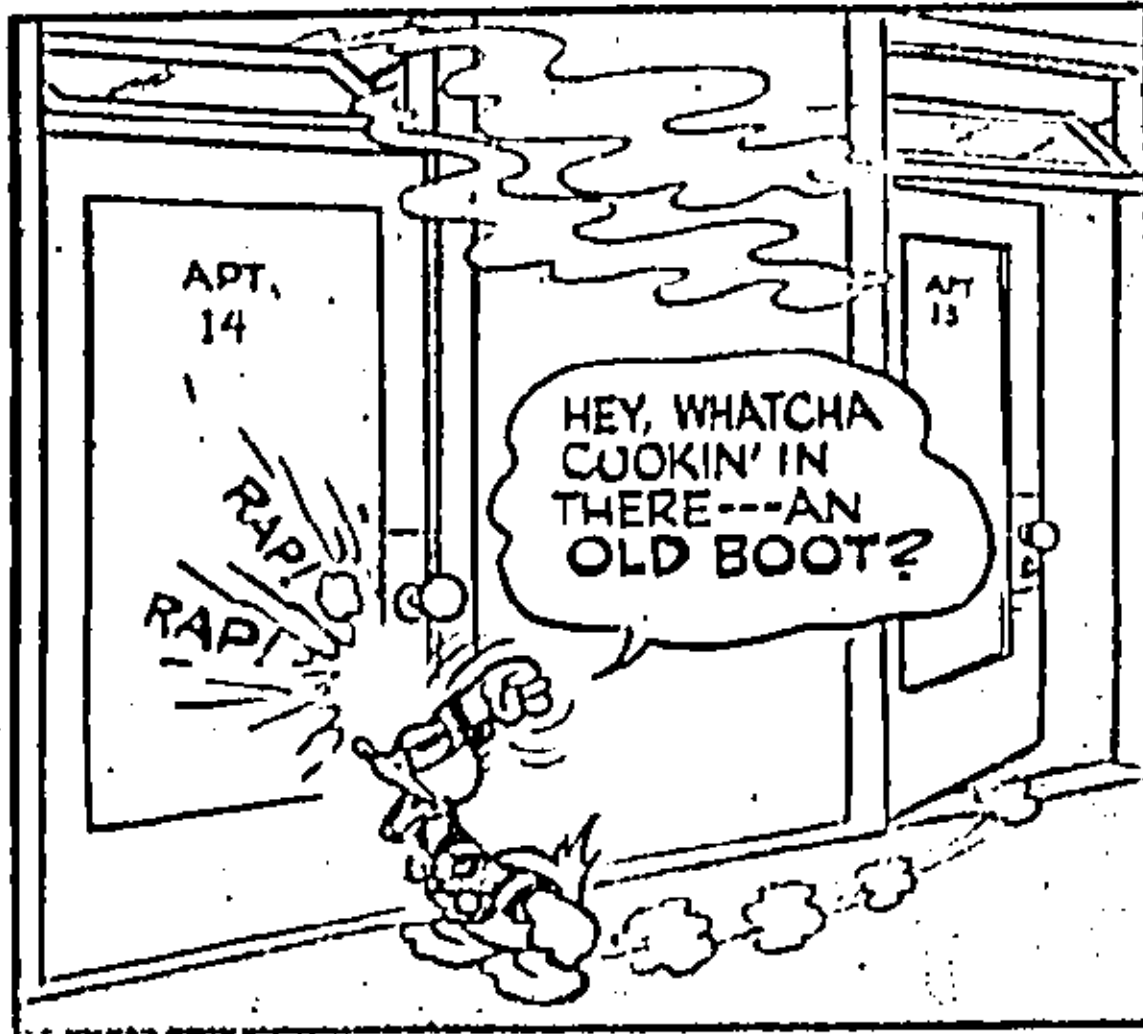
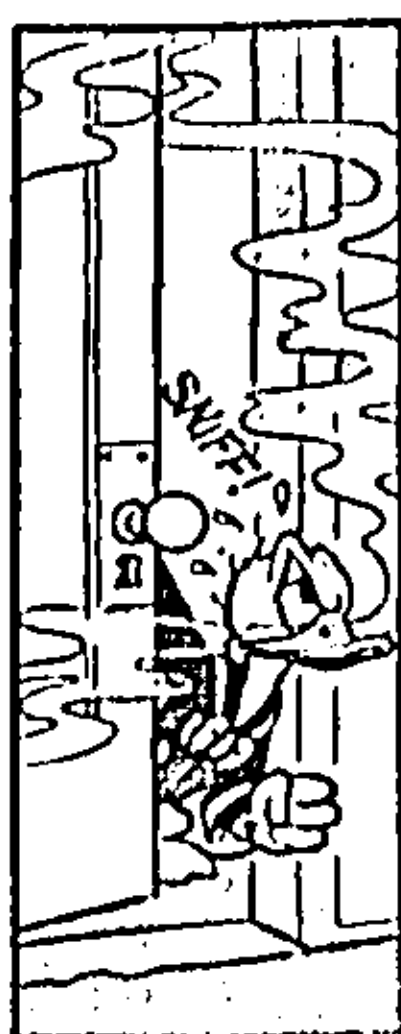
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"Them movies are the bunk, Junior—no white man ever got the best of an Indian!"

By REUEL S. MOORE

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
 LONDON, (UP).—The Royal Air Force feat of shooting down a German Heinkel HE 111 bomber on English territory recently revealed one of Germany's most valuable air secrets, this correspondent learned to-day.

The plane was equipped with "puncture-proof" fuel tanks. Fuel tanks are one of the most vulnerable parts of a plane, as their size makes them good targets and they are difficult to protect with armour. A punctured fuel tank has the double hazard of fire and loss of fuel from the base.

Britain has long wanted to know how to make practical puncture-proof tanks. They made such a tank years ago, but they were too heavy for ordinary use. Now they know how to make light ones, using the German formula.

The German tank contains no metal other than pipe connections and filling caps. Inside, there is something like a thin fibre suitcase braced with fibre ribs. This is covered with a layer of buckskin to retain the gas if a bullet shatters the fibre. Next there is a layer of natural raw rubber, one-eighth of an inch thick covered by a very thin layer of vulcanized rubber.

This container is placed inside a vulcanized rubber case which is slung in the wings with straps. Where the pipeline passes through the container, a special rubber cap has been placed. If gasoline starts to leak, this causes the rubber to swell until it fills the hole.

German Planes

The HE 111 and Dornier DO 17 are the types of German planes seen most frequently over Britain's neighbouring waters. Only three German planes have actually been downed on British soil. Others have plunged into the sea nearby. From time to time, German fliers have been rescued off pneumatic boats or their bodies recovered in the North Sea. Some have landed on neutral soil.

The British are knocking down raiders crossing her coasts despite the puncture-proof tanks, but it is likely the score would be higher if the Germans did not possess this feature.

About 35 enemy planes have altogether been brought down by RAF fighters and anti-aircraft batteries over Britain and neighbouring waters. In contrast to the damage British bombers have done to German bombers, not one British fighting plane has been lost on the home front in numerous encounters.

The British say this speaks well for the principal defensive features of the British bombers and reconnaissance planes, namely the multi-gun turret. Conversely, the figures reflect but little credit on defensive armaments of German planes.

Although statistically the performance of the German bombers is creditable, the British say their bombing powers have not yet proved seriously destructive. The only casualties on British soil have been the now-famous rabbit and three sheep on the Shetland Islands.

Naval circles claim the Germans have scored only three hits on naval craft with bombs, and add—with no little irony—that their greatest success has been against unarmed fishing boats.

FRANCE BUILDING 465 m.p.h. BOMBERS

FIGHTER bombers capable of long flights at 465 miles an hour, fighters with a speed of 406 m.p.h., are now being turned out rapidly by the French Government air factory at Villacoublay, near Paris.

Output of military aircraft by France's nationalised aircraft factories is now immensely greater than it was on the outbreak of war, and American warplanes account for only a small proportion of France's front line air strength, according to official figures I have seen.

My informant said: "Already on active service we have one twin-engine fighter which we believe can beat the Messerschmitt 110."

£1,500 TO CHAUFFEUR

Among bequests made to his servants in the will of Mr. A. J. Copinger, of Eaton-place, S.W., was £1,500 to his chauffeur, Leonard James Linfield. Mr. Copinger left £181,147 (net personality).

THEIR MAJESTIES TOUR WEST ENGLAND



Their Majesties the King and Queen chatting to girls engaged in fabric covering during their recent tour of aircraft factories in west England.

Nancy Is Mrs. Batman No. 1

LORD GORT has never seen Mrs. Eileen Cox (Nancy to her family). But Lord Gort has her to thank for endless little comforts which make his life easier in France.

Nancy is the woman who looks after the man who looks after Lord Gort. Nancy (born Eileen Roberts twenty-seven years ago) has been Mrs. Edgar Mons Cox, and Mr. Cox, twenty-five-year-old R.A.S.C. corporal, is Lord Gort's batman. But her subtle influence on the living comforts of the Commander-in-Chief of the B.E.F. began long ago.

She made Corporal Cox happy in a score of little things to do with the niceties of housekeeping whenever he called at the flat she shares with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Price, in Hammer-smith, W. Corporal Cox remembered those attentions when he got his batman's job.

So it is due largely to Nancy that Lord Gort's blankets are tucked firmly in at the bottom of his bed, that his dressing-gown stay straight on their hangers.

He Can Cook Too

When Corporal Cox came home to be married last week the first thing Nancy handed him was a new pair of bedroom slippers.

Even in her hurried preparations to be married she found time to mend some of her sweetheart's socks and sew on a few buttons. He had not had time for those jobs himself. Before his leave the general's chef was taken ill, so Corporal Cox had to cook as well as do his usual housework and the "spit and polish."

Nancy had read of the cold in the French B.E.F. billets, and for the few nights that her sweetheart stayed at her sister's house she tucked a hot-water bottle in his bed for him.

For the Coxes there is little now about a war. Edgar was named Mons because of his father's lucky escape in that battle; Nancy's father was killed in action.

Edgar has been teaching her the subtler points of French cooking. He likes now to call soup "potage," and steak "Chateaubriand." She says they taste as good by the English name.

She will send him off at the end of their week's honeymoon in Dorset with his stripes and special precedence badge sewed neatly on his overcoat, instead of pinned as they were when he arrived. She will send him off with some new ideas for Lord Gort's comfort. She will send him off looking forward to the day when she can be Mr. Cox's batman.

FIRING PRACTICE

Firing practice will be carried out between 9 p.m. and midnight to-day at the Royal artillery ranges. Firing area "A" will be affected.

MAURETANIA'S GUNS



A six-inch gun mounted on the stern of the new Cunard-White Star liner Mauretania.

The Woman Who Took A Chance

"IF I pleaded guilty will this gentleman be able to go?" asked Barbara Ericson, of Grosvenor Hotel, S.W., at Bow-street Police Court.

"I cannot answer that question," replied the magistrate, Mr. Dummett.

"I will take a chance. I will plead guilty," said the woman.

With her in the dock was Charles Goldie, aged 29, a private in the Royal Canadian Engineers.

Both were accused of the theft of a brooch worth £320 from a jeweller's shop. When Goldie, who had pleaded not guilty, was discharged and left the dock, Ericson whispered to him, "Good luck."

She was remanded in custody. The brooch was missed after Goldie and Ericson had left the shop.

Goldie said he met Ericson in a public house. She said she was going to get a brooch as soon as she could get her cheque cashed.

"All the time I was with her I thought she was a Lady Someone because of the money she was throwing about all day," he added.

The woman's name was given as Elizabeth Northey Rowley, divorced wife of Thomas Guy Dillon Rowley. Mr. Rowley is an Army Captain. Mrs. Rowley, who is 38, lives at Lydwicke, Slinford, Sussex.

FRENCH EXTEND LINES

By MILES HANDLER
 ("UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

WITH THE FRENCH FORCES IN THE FIELD. (UP).—Sporadic artillery fire, snow and an occasional day of freezing weather have not prevented the French army from building hundreds of reinforced concrete blockhouses.

Extensive works have been built between the Maginot Line forts everywhere along the Saar front in an effort to strengthen the entire French defensive system.

French officers furnished this correspondent with important facts concerning the nature and efficacy of enemy batteries.

Enemy guns usually remain silent during the day. Shelling begins rather timidly at dusk, gathering in volume and momentum during the night. There was plenty of evidence to substantiate claims French officers made during this writer's recent inspection.

On a visit to a plateau which had been intensively shelled by enemy batteries recently, and which is still subjected to intermittent fire, the correspondents counted many shell holes a considerable distance from the Maginot forts or the new blockhouses under construction.

On the other hand, French officers claimed their gunners had on occasion silenced enemy batteries which annoyed them. According to these officers, the French gunners can, with the assistance of adequate observation reports, destroy an enemy gun with ease.

Many Blockhouses

Intensive construction of fortifications is seen everywhere along the Saar front. This construction seems to belie the view of the French command that the Germans will ultimately launch an offensive against the Maginot line.

The blockhouses mentioned above are situated at relatively short intervals between the Maginot forts. In dangerous sectors, these blockhouses are within sight of each other at distances varying between one-half to one kilometer.

Each blockhouse is constructed with two apertures, each facing one fort so as to maintain a continuous lateral cross-fire with a gunner from the nearest fort. Two gunners inside the blockhouse are equipped with light machineguns and telephone cables to the fort commanders. Being small objectives and of heavy reinforced concrete, the blockhouses are practically invulnerable to enemy artillery.

Powerful Forts

One of the fort commanders explained that the ultimate objective in his sector was to reduce the use of field artillery and meet the ground with small units of men armed with automatic weapons and stationed inside concrete fortifications.

One of the exposed positions visited by this correspondent is held by a few hundred men inside three extremely powerful forts, connected with tunnels 32 meters below the surface level. The commander of the sector is a brilliant young major, with five officers of equal rank under his orders. From his post 32 meters below the surface, he can issue orders simultaneously or individually to three fort commanders. He is also connected by cable telephone to general headquarters.

In the lower Rhine sector this writer visited a blockhouse under construction a short distance from the river banks and within sight of the enemy. At some points, blockhouses are being built on top of dykes which command extensive areas.

At this particular sector on the Rhine, where the river narrows to a point so that French and German positions are separated only by the river banks and the water, this writer was able to obtain a direct view of the enemy's positions from a garret window of an abandoned house on the river banks.

Construction activity is seen everywhere within sight of the enemy. The occasional roaring of guns have definitely created a war psychology among the officers and men in contrast with the nearly normal peacetime atmosphere prevailing in the interior of France.

MAILS FOR ENGLAND

Warning Against Use Of Siberian Route

Shanghai, Mar. 5. The office of the British Embassy here to-day issued a warning to all British nationals not to route their mail for England via Siberia unless they wanted the mail to fall into the hands of German censors.

"His Majesty's Embassy has been informed that letters from China to the United Kingdom have, on occasion, been opened by German censors. From enquiries which have been made it would seem that the letters in question are probably in mails sent via Siberia. Although such mails should not, in the present circumstances, pass through German territory there is always a danger that they may do so since they are no longer under the control of the Chinese postal authorities once they leave Chinese territory," the announcement said.

"Since the Siberian route is the route whereby mails for Europe are normally dispatched from China, His Majesty's Embassy desires to warn British subjects that any mail addressed to the United Kingdom which is not definitely marked to be sent by another route is liable to come into the hands of German censors."—United Press.

Divorced Couple To Remarry

NOTICE has been given that a couple whose marriage was dissolved to marry each other again.

Particulars at a London register office described the prospective bridegroom as Thomas Guy Dillon Rowley, formerly the husband of Elizabeth Northey Rowley, formerly Mrs. Cummings, from whom he obtained a divorce.

The woman's name was given as Elizabeth Northey Rowley, divorced wife of Thomas Guy Dillon Rowley. Mr. Rowley is an Army Captain. Mrs. Rowley, who is 38, lives at Lydwicke, Slinford, Sussex.

33 Men Adrift For Five Days

THIRTY-THREE men, crowded into a small boat with food for only 15, were adrift in the Atlantic for five days. Thirteen of them died.

One by one, the men who died were driven mad by hunger and thirst. In their frenzy they tried to bite themselves and their exhausted comrades.

Three times the men who were left alive had the bitterness of seeing a ship that might have rescued them sail away, apparently ignoring their signals.

This was the story of suffering told by some of the 20 survivors from the Greek ship Eleni Stathinou (9,000 tons) at an Elre port.

"The second night adrift, two men died after first going mad," said Michael Ryan, an able seaman of Tullbrack, Co. Limerick.

"Next morning two or three more were dead and we had to go through the ordeal of another hasty burial. Two or three more died on Wednesday and the last two died on Thursday morning."

Then three ships in quick succession passed without seeing their distress signals.

"I cannot help wondering how that latest ordeal did not send the remainder of us crazy," added Ryan.

"We Had To Sit On Them" With tears in his eyes Chief Engineer Dimitrios Pangos described how his companions were driven insane. He said the second mate jumped in the sea.

"Then," he added, "another tried to bite himself before trying to bite the rest of us. It was the same with the whole thirteen."

"We had to pull them down and sit on them. I was frightened when I found one sailor sitting beside me had lost his speech. He put out his tongue to show how it had shrunk and then he died."

Captain Dimitrios Grados, skipper of the lost ship, wounded in head,

Sea Lions Allergic To Blue-Shirts

BOSTON (UP).—Three sea lions at Marine Park Aquarium go on a hunger strike every time an attendant in a blue shirt tries to feed them.

If the keepers wear white shirts or any coloured shirt but blue, the sea lions eat with relish. But if the keepers approach them in blue shirts, they swim to the other side of the pool and refuse to touch any food brought to them.

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An Orgy Of Lies
MANY people in this and neutral countries must be puzzled as well as astonished by the mad excesses of untruth in which the compounders of the Nazi war bulletins are at present indulging. Recently they have easily surpassed all their own previous best, or worst, efforts.

The campaign of lies has been conducted with clumsiness and recklessness that are bound to defeat themselves. Everyone remembers the notorious case of the Ark Royal. The Nazis' attempts to prove that she had been sunk were a serious blunder. The British Admiralty could easily produce the aircraft carrier; and her recent appearance in South African waters and in the South Atlantic gave fresh piquancy to this particular example of German mendacity.

Then there was the report that a heavy cruiser of the London class had been sunk by Commander Prien, the hero of Scapa Flow. The Nazis did not follow up this particular wild-goose with the determination they showed in the case of the Ark Royal. Still, these stories serve their fleeting purpose, which is the gulling of the credulous section of the German public until some other canard is produced to send them into fresh patriotic raptures.

Already neutral countries have begun to perceive clearly that nothing coming from the Nazi news machine can be believed. Like much else in Germany, it is *eratz*. If, every time the Germans experience the misfortunes of war, there is to be an orgy of lying, Munchausen himself will be displaced from his hitherto unchallenged eminence by that other notorious Baron, the Great Heo-Haw of Hamburg, and Dr. Goebbels's other obedient mouthpieces. "To lie like a Nazi" will pass into a proverb.

BEWARE STALIN'S MEN

and the warning comes from British Labour Party

"JOSEPH STALIN still has accomplices, paid and unpaid, in this country, where the truth is not hidden from them. 'Stalin's Men' had at once changed their step and followed their Leader. Their old pamphlets, speeches, articles, and manifestos were consigned to their ample demagogic dustbins.

"They listened to the voice of Moscow, compared notes with Berlin, shouted that they wanted peace with Hitler, and joined the Unity Mitfords of the Right in a chorus of vituperation against the British and French 'war-mongers'."

This is the official voice and warning of the British Labour Party in a 28-page booklet issued for distribution to all their members—booklet entitled "Finland. The criminal conspiracy of Stalin and Hitler."

No ordinary political pamphlet, this. Far from it. "A spade shall be called a spade," say its authors, and it is probable that nothing so strong in denunciation has ever before been issued by any responsible British political party.

"Blackmail And Brutality"
HERE are some examples of the phrases—justifiable phrases—employed:
The real depth of iniquity of M. Joseph Stalin is still unknown. His 30 pieces of silver are already stained with the blood of his own nameless and countless Russian dead.

M. Joseph Stalin and Herr Adolf Hitler embraced over the prostrate body of Poland.

Whether M. Joseph Stalin devours those whom he loves, whether he was under the hypnotic spell of Adolf the Conqueror or Peter the Great, or whether he was now the victim of new morbid anxieties, the reader is at liberty to speculate.

The Films are the victims of a policy of deception, blackmail, trickery, cynicism, and brutality not dissimilar to the subtle cruelty of Japanese militarism, but exceeding in cunning and dissimulation the diplomacy of Russian Czarism and Nazi Germany.

"A new precedent in international perfidy" . . . "The grim joke of the Finnish People's Government" . . . "The Red Czar is now the executor of the traditional imperialism of Czarist Russia"—such phrases drip like vitriol from the pen.

And between them, interlarding a well-told narrative of the events which led up to the "rape of Finland"—and to what else yet to come?—there runs constantly the warning expressed so directly by quotation at the start of this article.

A New Slavery
A WARNING against "Stalin's Men"—the description as a new title of shame is constantly repeated—a warning against Stalin's Men in our own land.

Mr. Harry Pollitt is named, that Mr. Harry Pollitt who is now Communist candidate in the Silvertown by-election.
Of him this pamphlet notes that among the birthday congratulations sent to Stalin and published in the Soviet newspaper *Pravda* on December 24 last appeared a message from Mr. Harry Pollitt among "a torrent of congratulations."

A second list, this record adds, appeared under the heading "Greetings" from the Central Committee of 11 Communist Parties, including the British. "The texts are not printed. M. Joseph Stalin has a new sense of relative values."

Listen, too, to this:
Stalin's apologists defend tyranny either because they do not know, or those who know refuse to tell, that Fascism and Bolshevism have identical political systems. The Russian Communist Party is no longer even the semblance of a Party.

Even now these emissaries of a foreign despotism refuse to see through the disguise of the Red Czar, who has used a new social and political system to invent a new kind of slavery for the Russian people.

Well, the leaders of the Labour Party ought to know. For years they have fought a successful running fight against the insidious instruction of Communists into their official ranks.

Less Than A Year Ago

STALIN's division of spoils with Hitler, the faithful copy of Nazi methods of propaganda, the pretence of provocation as an excuse for war, the presentation of impossible demands, the pretence of "liberation"—all of the vile technique is revealed by the booklet with the bitter inclusiveness of completed truth.

But what, after all, could be more mordant now than the quotation, in the preface, of a speech made by

Stalin so short a time ago as March of last year, when he said:
"We stand for peaceful, close and friendly relations with all the neighbouring countries which have common frontiers with the U.S.S.R."?

And so to the blood-bath of the Mannerheim Line.

Certainly a document that everyone should read. Those to whom it is not distributed (as members of the Labour Party) can obtain a copy

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John Crofton

And then they'll go back to sea again

YOU will soon see them on the news reels, seven or eight young fellows in clothes that don't quite fit, and you will hear them say how nice it is to be a sailor home from the sea.

Those won't be luckless sentiments, for they come from men who for three months or more have been battered down under iron hatches with 300 other British seamen in the Nazi prison ship *Altmark*.

Four days ago, unwashed and unshaven, wearing tattered and torn clothes that had survived hours in open boats, days or weeks in the Graf Spee, and the *Horrible Hundred Days* in the *Altmark*, they were without hope of wash, shave, new clothes, or a square meal—much less their freedom.

Then the Navy arrived . . . but you know all that.

Now you see them transformed, washed, shaved, in new clothes, having had a square meal, and talking at their freedom into a British Movietone microphone at a Sailors' Home in the East End.

"We are made to feel like Hollywood film stars," grins Taffy Jenkins, of the Doric Star and the Queen's Hotel, Carmarthen.

Who has earned the tribute? The *Altmark's* prisoners owe their rescue to the Navy, but credit for their present newly groomed and well-fed condition goes to organisations whose work for survivors of torpedoed and mined British merchantmen has cost them some £50,000 since the war began.

Food And Clothes

ONE of these organisations is the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society. Others include the British Sailors' Society and the Sailors' Home and Red Ensign Club.

When the men from the *Altmark* were landed at Leith they were met by agents of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society. These agents provided the men first of all with clothing, then arranged for their hospitality or supplied them with railway warrants and money to get home.

London offered a "home-coming" to those who for one reason or other

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STRONGER attack, stronger defence—the race goes on at break-neck speed. In the great battle of the air someone invents a bullet-proof petrol tank. It is fitted as the latest development in British and German planes. It's a grand idea, five layers thick, and slung like a man in a hammock on webbing straps inside the plane's wings. If the attack is so fierce that a bullet does drive its way through, then the hole automatically seals itself (Caption 3). But the self-sealing tank inventor doesn't get away with it for long. Up comes a man with an aeroplane gun that can fire 300 1/4 lb. explosive shells a minute. Bang goes your machine—gun-bullet-proof petrol tank.

These shell guns are the biggest, newest thing in aircraft armament. They have twice the range of most machine-guns, but they weigh more and have a heavy recoil, so it's not every plane that can stand the strain. Germany uses them in her Messerschmitts, Dorniers, Heinkels, etc. Britain, of course, has them too.

—the bigger the gun to pierce it

Section through Tank

20mm. shell gun firing 300 1/4 lb. explosive shells per minute

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And then they'll go back to sea again

enough that way, then the Shipping Federation and the National Union of Seamen are ready to help them.

There is not much need to go snooping round docks for a ship just now—not if you are an experienced seafarer. And the men who have survived raiders and U-boats and magnetic mines can count themselves as immersed in experience. Especially the 300 who survived the *Altmark*.

These rescued men are just about to draw two months' pay—for they haven't, you realise, had a day's wages since they were intercepted by the Graf Spee in her sea-going days.

Some of them had their pay cut short by the Nazis as long ago as the first week in October. Even those whose vessels were most recently sunk have not been paid for three months.

What The Law Says

THE law says that the shipowners are liable for the payment of two months' wages to a merchant seaman after his ship has been lost through enemy action. Alternatively, they can find the man a new berth in lieu of indemnity.

But here is the rub:
"Never before has there been a case of men from vessels sunk by the enemy returning as late as three months after the sinking. Hitherto the men from lost British ships have always returned within the two months covered by indemnity payment."

That was how an official of the National Union of Seamen put it. "But I don't expect there'll be any difficulty," he said. "It's just a matter of negotiation."

In the meantime they collect the two months' pay.

"And after we've had a bit of a holiday on that," observes Taffy Jenkins, "back to sea we'll go again. We can't let the Navy down now."

Daniel Goelling, a 60-years-old lamp-ripping from the *Talora*, confirmed that sentiment. "I've had 40 years at sea," he said. "You don't think I'm going to chuck it now, do you?"

Arthur Pugh

Sailors Form Human Chain To Save Man Frozen To A Raft HORRORS OF THE DOMALA TRAGEDY

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—An interview with Chief Officer Brown of the British India ship Domala was broadcast from Daventry yesterday.

Just before 6 p.m. on Saturday, he said, the Domala was steaming along. It was fairly dark but there was a certain amount of light from the waning moon. He was the Officer-in-watch at the time with the Captain on the bridge.

They were sailing along in fairly rough water when they saw a big black plane coming towards them, flying very low.

Its navigation lights led them to think it was friendly but that was just trickery. The plane swooped past their masts and disappeared dropping no bombs and firing no guns.

Hit Amidships
They were just thinking that they were safe when the machine roared back and dropped a high explosive incendiary bomb which hit amidships, went through the deck and exploded in the engine room sending smoke fumes all over the ship.

Flames soon started to spring up. The Captain gave the order to abandon ship. Part of the crew ran to man the anti-aircraft gun but before they could do anything the plane came back overhead and while some of the crew were trying to get away, in boats, two more bombs were dropped amidships.

The whole of the middle of the ship was blazing and roaring like an inferno.

Machine-Gunned
As the plane came back for the fourth time, the anti-aircraft gun opened fire and the fourth bomb fell harmlessly into the water. As the plane roared overhead it raked the decks with machine-gun bullets as it tried to kill the anti-aircraft gun crew and then disappeared.

A destroyer came to the rescue together with a Dutch ship. "You can make all the fuss you can about those naval chaps," said Mr. Brown, "they were simply grand. People like me have them to thank for being alive."

The destroyer first picked up the men in boats and on rafts. Mr. Brown said that he was at the stern with some of the passengers and members of the crew. The destroyer tried to come alongside twice so that they could leap on board but the heavy swell made this operation difficult. They had to resort to life lines fired from the warship.

Engineer's Incredible Pluck
He had a special word of praise for an engineer who was hurt in the first explosion. By some means this man crawled through the shaft tunnel and up the perpendicular ladder. Twice the crew of the whaler tried to get across to him but failed owing to the heavy seas.

Finally he tied a life line to him and fixed a life belt around him and let him gently down into the water. The poor fellow could not stand the additional strain of the bitterly cold water.

An R.A.F. plane helped the destroyer to save another member of the crew, a young cadet who was on his first trip. The lad was the only survivor of six men who were on a raft.

The Navy Way
The planes spotted him and guided the destroyer to the raft to which he was literally frozen. The only way to get him off was by a method adopted by the Navy.

Several men formed a human chain over the side of the destroyer and one man was able to grab him and wrench his hands free from the raft and drag him on board.

Not Hannibal Wreckage

Air Liner's Fate Still A Mystery

NEW DELHI, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—What was at first thought to be the wreckage of the Imperial Airways liner Hannibal is now found to be the wreckage of a dhow. The air search is to be continued to-morrow, but it is now assumed that the Hannibal sank in the sea and that there is no hope of finding survivors.

INDIA'S NEW AIR SERVICES

NEW DELHI, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The rapid expansion of India's terminal air services is seen in the report of the Director of Civil Aviation in India for 1939. The Indian Airways carried four times as much mail as in the year before. The total mileage was increased by 127 per cent, and the number of passengers carried nearly doubled that of 1937. Despite the expansion, the Indian Airways maintained their high record of safety. Not one passenger was injured during the four years from 1935 to 1938 although the flights totalled over 3,500 miles.

Scottish Lt. Wins M.C.

Conspicuous Daring And Resource

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Lt. (Acting Captain) John Alexander MacKenzie, of the Gloucestershire Regiment, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous daring and resource. Lt. MacKenzie on January 13 was near Zeurange with two men on a listening patrol. In front of the German lines he encountered a German patrol about 20 strong.

First Blood To B.E.F.
He allowed the patrol to approach within ten yards before machine-gunning them, killing two Germans and scattering the rest.

Three hours later, Lt. MacKenzie led a battle patrol into the same area and returned to the British lines carrying one dead German.

There were no British casualties and it is believed these are the first German casualties inflicted by the Infantry B.E.F.

French N.C.O. Decorated
LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Lord Gort to-day decorated with a military medal a French non-commissioned officer who destroyed a German strong point when acting as Liaison Officer to the British forces, telephoning Reuter's correspondent with the B.E.F.

General Voruz, head of the French Mission at General Headquarters, then decorated with the Croix Guerre another French Liaison Officer who, while accompanying a part of the Norfolk Regiment, took over after the British officer was killed and led the Norfolks back safely to British lines.

CANADIAN ELECTION

Opposition Leader On Conscription

OTTAWA, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Dr. Robert J. Manion, leader of the Opposition in the Canadian Parliament, accused the Liberal Government of having deceived the people of Quebec on the conscription issue in a broadcast election address.

Dr. Manion declared: "Their whole object is to divide Quebec from the rest of Canada for political purposes."

Failure In The Last War
Expressing himself as absolutely opposed to conscription, Dr. Manion said: "If I am elected Prime Minister of Canada, there will be no conscription put into effect by the Government. I lead. Conscription, to my mind, was a failure in the last war as it raised only about 10,000 men from more than 500,000 and stirred up much misunderstanding in our country."

Japan's Peace Formula

Government Statement Expected Shortly

TOKYO, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The Government will issue a statement in the near future, probably sometime this month, setting forth Japan's tentative peace terms—or what it called in official circles here "a formula for the disposal of the China Incident."

These terms have already been communicated to the House of Peers and the House of Representatives at their present sessions.

The China Affairs Board met in conference last evening to discuss the "formula." The date of issue of the statement may be timed to be simultaneous with the opening of the political conference in Nanking, which will proceed with the inauguration of the new puppet Central Government of China under Wang Ching-wei.

S. A. PLANES IN FINLAND

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—It has been learned authoritatively that the Gloucester Gunlighter fighting planes released by South Africa for the Finns have arrived in Finland. There has recently been a great speeding up in the delivery of foreign aircraft and there are now more than 100 planes from America, France, Italy and Sweden in action, including over 50 British fighters and bombers.

JAPANESE INVADING CHUNGSHAN DISTRICT

Cabinet Changes Said Likely

LONDON, Mar. 5 (UP).—Political observers here foresee a possible Cabinet shake-up during the Easter recess of the House of Commons with the possible result of ousting Lord Chatfield, Minister of Co-ordination and Defence, Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply, Sir R. H. Dorman-Smith, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, and Mr. W. S. Morrison, Minister of Food. Observers predict that the result of the shake-up will be either the creation of a separate small War Cabinet which will concentrate on the prosecution of the war excluding departmental duties, or reconstruction of the Cabinet personnel on the basis of criticism of their individual work. The latter is believed to be more likely.

Arabs And The Allies

Beyrouth Newspaper's Plebiscite

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Continuing the plebiscite on why Arabs should support the Allies, the Beyrouth paper "Annahar" published a statement by Muhiyiddin Nusouti, a noted Muslim journalist and politician.

Nusouti declares: "I want the Allies to win the war because I believe that authority should be in the hands of the community and not the individual, that nations should not be divided into masters and slaves, and that the principles of right and justice should supersede those of Nietzsche and Michailovitch, which have inspired Nazi activities during the last three years."

The statement concludes: "The democracies have struggled in the last few years against aggressive forces, but the bright and happy future which awaits humanity when the Allies win the war is worth all these precious sacrifices, and the Arabs will certainly share the fruits of victory and the happy future."

LETTERS

Taipo Rural Orphanage

To the Editor, "Hongkong Telegraph." Sir,—I shall be grateful if you will allow me to express, through your paper, to all those who took the trouble and the time to come to the Taipo Rural Orphanage last Saturday, the delighted gratitude of the Committee.

We had expected perhaps fifty friends to come. There were nearly five times that number. Though we have reached our first century (with 52 boys and 48 girls), we are still feeling our way. We ask our friends to forgive our many obvious imperfections. With their help and counsel we hope to grow steadily in numbers, imagination and efficiency.

RONALD HONGKONG.

Kowloon Beggars

Sir,—Could not the Police take some action to round up the increasing number of beggars, most of whom are suffering from malformations or disease, who are clustering around the bus stops in Kowloon.

These people rely upon the fact that intending passengers must wait at the bus stops for the arrival of the buses and descend in a veritable swarm the minute anyone arrives. They are particularly bad in Nathan Road at the bus stop near the Austin Road Junction, and also at several bus stops in Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.

Apart from the fact that something should be done to care for these malformed people, their presence on the streets is not a good advertisement for Hongkong, and particularly for Kowloon. I can hardly conceive that the police would permit these people to operate on the bus or tram stops in the mid-level or Peak areas on the island, so why in Kowloon?

FRANCE EDWARD ROAD.

HOLLAND FURIOUS

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nounced its intention to "take steps" as soon as it possesses the necessary information, but the newspapers bitterly point out that all Dutch protests about her torpedoed ships have been disregarded by Berlin.

Flaming Indignation

The leader in the "Algemeen Handelsblad" declares that "the abominable procedure of German flyers, cries to high heaven. Flaming indignation blazes up in our people on learning of such outrages by German airmen yesterday. They smeared their own emblem with innocent blood. It is an instance of frightfulness, devoid of all human feeling. These airmen have damaged the German name in a way that German propaganda won't easily repair."

Landing Made At Heungchau

Chungshan, Mar. 5. Japanese forces landed at Heungchau at 9 a.m. to-day following shelling by four destroyers. They used over 30 rubber boats. The Japanese are estimated to number 400. They are advancing slowly, meeting some Chinese opposition. The Japanese are evidently attempting to cut the highway between Macao and Shekai. It is estimated that over 20,000 villagers entered Macao to-day. The Japanese attack was entirely unexpected. Their landing probably succeeded owing to dense fog after the heavy shelling of the coastal villages.

One column advanced from Tungka to Hachak. All the villages are blazing fiercely as the invaders pass through them and a second column has reached within striking distance of Chohim, near the highway to Macao. Both columns are making some resistance from the former irregulars, while the main body of Chinese volunteers are awaiting the Japanese advance to engage them on suitable ground.

One report says that the Japanese were busy removing grain and other foodstuffs the whole afternoon. Our Own Correspondent.

Looting At Tawangpu

Shekai, Mar. 5. About one hundred mercenary riflemen landed from a Japanese gunboat yesterday morning at Tawangpu in this county, which was looted. Then they returned to the ship and sailed away.—Special.

Hardship For Chinese

Macao, Mar. 5. Japanese aeroplanes are once more seen frequently over Chungshan and reports from districts close by—Sun Wai and Shuntak—indicate that Japanese troops and gunboats are again very active. Chungshan has also broken out in a number of places, and refugees are drifting into Macao.

In some parts of the West River Delta, Japanese units are demanding heavy tolls from Chinese cargo boats, and there is some dislocation in food supplies coming to Macao. As a result of the Japanese occupation of several points in the West River and abandonment of farms by the Chinese, there is considerable distress. This has resulted in a steady increase in the price of rice, and in some places the cost has risen to 800 pien, the highest price in history.—Reuter.

Japanese Reinforced

Shekai, Mar. 4. Laden with troops and horses, four Japanese gunboats passed through here yesterday morning from the Kongmoon-Sunwui sector to join in the fighting around Teling and Kwachau south of Canton.

The transfer of Japanese from Kongmoon gave the Chinese a chance to raid that town on March 2, whereupon they broke out from the Kongmoon-Sunwui sector to join in the fighting around Teling and Kwachau south of Canton.

In the sector to the south of Kongmoon, Japanese bluejackets and mercenary forces are making another attempt to invest Shengshui and Shatui in order to reach Szeyp and Samfow, where a state of emergency is again declared. However, large numbers of Chinese troops are stationed at Shengshui and Tusha, while other Chinese detachments are counter-attacking Kueching to the north in order to hinder the Japanese.—Special.

Anglo-French Trade Talks

Delegates Welcomed At Opening

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—British and French trade talks, sponsored by the Federation of British Industries, opened here to-day when Lord Dudley Gordon, President-Elect of the Federation, welcomed visiting delegates, including the heads of a wide group of French industries including coal, chemicals, wool, cotton, metals and engineering.

Lord Dudley Gordon in his speech said that it would be the purpose of the discussions to see where and how Anglo-French industries could best collaborate would serve not only to hasten success in the struggle but after the war would make a valuable contribution to the establishment of a stable and enduring peace.

Summer Holidays As Usual

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Despite a recent order making part of Scotland a prohibited area, holiday makers will be able to visit the Scottish Highlands as usual. This was announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Oliver Stanley who said that there was no reason why the order should discourage visits to the Highlands for business or holiday reasons.

West Indies As Debts Payment

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (UP).—Senator Reynolds and Representative Randolph have formed a resolution asking President Roosevelt to negotiate with Britain for the acquisition of the Western Hemisphere islands in part payment of war debts.

The resolution names the Bermudas, Bahamas, Jamaica with the Turks and Caicos and Cayman Islands, Trinidad, Tobago, Barbados, Leeward, Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis, Dominica, Montserrat, Windward, Grenada, Grenadines, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and British Honduras.

New British War Loan

£300,000,000 To Be Raised At 3%

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, March 5 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that a new war loan totalling £300,000,000 at 3 per cent. will be issued at par and redeemable at 15 and 19 years.

He said subscriptions must be completed by March 15.

To Be Opened March 12

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that a War Loan of £300,000,000 for 15 to 19 years at three per cent. will be issued at par.

The lists will be opened on March 12 and closing on March 13. Ten per cent. will be payable on application and the balance on April 15.

City Welcomes

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Sir John Simon's war loan announcement was welcomed enthusiastically in the city, says "Reuter's" City Editor. It is expected to constitute a stabilising influence in the market for Government securities.

Some circles even suggest that it may have a tonic effect on current prices. Inter-office dealings after the announcement were notable for the strength of gilt-edged stocks, with War Loan at 100 per cent.

Terms Exactly Right

It is generally believed that the terms and issue price are exactly right in the present market conditions for this kind of loan. It is stressed in official circles that no further war loan will be issued on terms as favourable as those now announced. It is hoped that the banks will give reasonable assistance in the shape of temporary credit arrangements for the smaller investors anxious to subscribe but who are not in position to complete payment on April 15 of the 90 per cent. of the remaining due after meeting the 10 per cent. application money.

Chancellor's Announcement

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Sir John Simon, at the outset of the announcement, said that our very large national expenditure had been so far financed by additional taxation imposed last September, by an appreciable increase in the volume of Treasury bills and the ever-mounting proceeds of the very successful savings campaign since November.

The Government's appeal for subscriptions to a large loan had necessarily to be delayed until it was felt that the market was ripe for its issue. The time for this had now arrived.

Borrowing since the outbreak of war had all been for short periods. The new loan, however, would be for a period of 15 to 19 years, carry an interest of three per cent. and would be issued at par.

Cheap Borrowing

That rate accords with the Government's avowed policy of borrowing as cheaply as possible, and at the same time it is a reasonable one from the investors' point of view. The loan will be repayable in part on October 15, 1955, but the Treasury reserve the right of redemption partly or wholly at any time after October 14, 1955, on three months' notice.

It is, therefore, to be known as the Three Per Cent. War Loan, 1935-59.

To Borrow Much More

The amount of issue is limited to £300,000,000. The Government will have to borrow considerably more than that during the next 12 months, but a first issue for a limited amount is convenient to the Treasury from several viewpoints, and it is also in the general interests of the lender.

Ten per cent. of all subscriptions will be payable on application and the balance on April 15 next. Subject to certain safeguards, the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposed offering to non-resident subscribers exemptions from taxation, somewhat similar to those attaching to some of our loans in the last war.



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Nova Scotia To Help Win War

"Our Most Important Consideration"

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—"Winning the war is now our first and most important consideration," declared a speech from the Throne read by the Chief Justice Sir Joseph Chisholm at the opening of the Legislature.

The speech added that many other matters of interest and advantage to Nova Scotia must be postponed until that is achieved.

The speech revealed that Nova Scotia had taken steps to make the province's mineral resources more readily available for Canada's war effort.

Z.B.W. Programmes During February

Actual hours of transmission by the Hongkong Broadcasting Studio during February totalled 411½, of which 208½ were devoted to European programmes (ZBW)—63½ in the morning and 145½ in the evening—and 203 to Chinese programmes (ZEK)—58 in the morning and 145 in the evening.

Apart from recorded programmes the following items were broadcast over ZBW. Studio "Dee": studio concerts 10; studio talks 15; local relays (including Church services) 9; Daventry relays (including news) 95; Sunday evening epilogues 4; and children's concerts 5.

ZEK broadcast the following items besides studio programmes: 22 theatre relays; 0; studio talks 20; and children's concerts 8. New licences issued during February were 381, while renewals of licences totalled 887. The total number of licences issued during 1940 are 5,809.

There will be Post Office and national Savings Bank issues, to which the minimum subscription of £10 will be accepted, although no such application must exceed £1,000.

This will afford such subscribers an opportunity of lending their savings for longer than provided by Savings Certificates and Defence Bonds.

Opposition Pleased

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Simon loan announcement was welcomed by the Opposition, who put a few questions on the subject. Replying to these questions, Sir John Simon said that the suggested issue of a short-term loan at a lower rate of interest, particularly suitable for large financial houses, made by Mr. Patrick Lawrence, would be

THEFT OF RIFLES

Daring Robbery From London Barracks

LONDON, Mar. 5. The theft of several cases of small arms and ammunition from the West London Barracks was revealed to-day by an anonymous letter sent to Scotland Yard which is investigating the mystery with the assistance of Police officers with wide knowledge of the methods and activities of the Irish Republican Army men.

How the cases were stolen is a baffling mystery as a military policeman is always on duty at the depot gate and also a strong military guard is maintained there day and night.

There are several trucks in the depot but when these trucks are loaded or unloaded all goods are checked. When the anonymous letter was received the ammunition was checked over, revealing that several cases were missing. The soldiers on duty over the week-end have been already closely questioned by officers.—United Press.

borne in mind in respect of possible future occasions.

There would certainly have to be future issues, but it would not be wise or prudent for him to make any statement now.

He appreciated the point made by Mr. Leach about preventing would-be lenders on this side entering into collusion with some friend abroad to get better terms.

The Government would take good care to see that it was no president's money which would be lent on the terms that he had suggested. People in Britain must pay their taxes.

HOW TO SHORTEN CONVALESCENCE

A long convalescence is tedious and tiring to both doctor and patient. After many operations and illnesses, digestion is affected and impaired, yet it is necessary to eat well to regain your strength quickly.

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Around The Courses

NAVAL DOCKYARD SCORES AGAIN

A.E. Davies Wins Captain's Cup Competition At Kowloon G.C.

BRILLIANT RECORD FOR PORTSMOUTH PLAYER

(By "Birdie")

THE ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD is particularly fortunate in its golfers this year. What J. T. Smith has done at Fanling, A. E. Davies is doing at Kowloon, for since last writing of this latter player, when he annexed the Kowloon G.C. Club Championship from R. K. Collings, after turning four down, he has won the Captain's Cup. The final for this trophy was played on Sunday afternoon, and he beat T. Lamb (9) by 4 and 3.

This is the first occasion at Kowloon on which a player has won both the Club Championship and the Captain's Cup in the same year. In his possession now are the Coogan Cup (1939), the Junior Championship (1939), the St. John of Jerusalem Trophy, the Visitor's Cup at Fanling, the Club Championship and the Captain's Cup.

Davies is a Chief Physical Training Instructor in the Royal Naval Dockyard, and his home club is Portsmouth.

On Sunday, Davies won the first hole with a bogey four, Lamb having driven into a bunker to the right, and having put his approach shot into the flanking nullah. The 2nd was halved in four's.

The 3rd was also halved. Davies conceded a stroke here, but Lamb was unfortunate to be stymied when three yards from the pin.

At the 4th, Davies put his spoon shot two yards from the pin, and took a birdie 2. Lamb hooked his drive into a bad spot, and became two down. The 5th was halved in 4's.

Davies won the 6th in 3. He put his tee shot three yards from the pin. Lamb was off the green to the right, and was slightly too strong with his chip shot and failed to go down in three. The 7th was halved in 4's.

At the 8th, Davies became 4 up. Lamb was short with his approach, but laid a beautiful chip shot dead. Davies was near the edge for 2, but sank an extraordinary putt for a birdie three.

Lamb took the 9th with a perfect 4. Davies drove into the bunker to the right of the green, exploded over and went down in five.

Thus at the turn, Davies was 3 up, having gone round in bogey figures of 34.

THE second nine commenced like the first nine. Davies won the hole, but this time with a birdie 3. Lamb hooked his drive and failed to recover.

The 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th holes were halved, and the end came at the 15th.

WHILE it has never been advocated that sport and

SPORTS ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 9th March, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

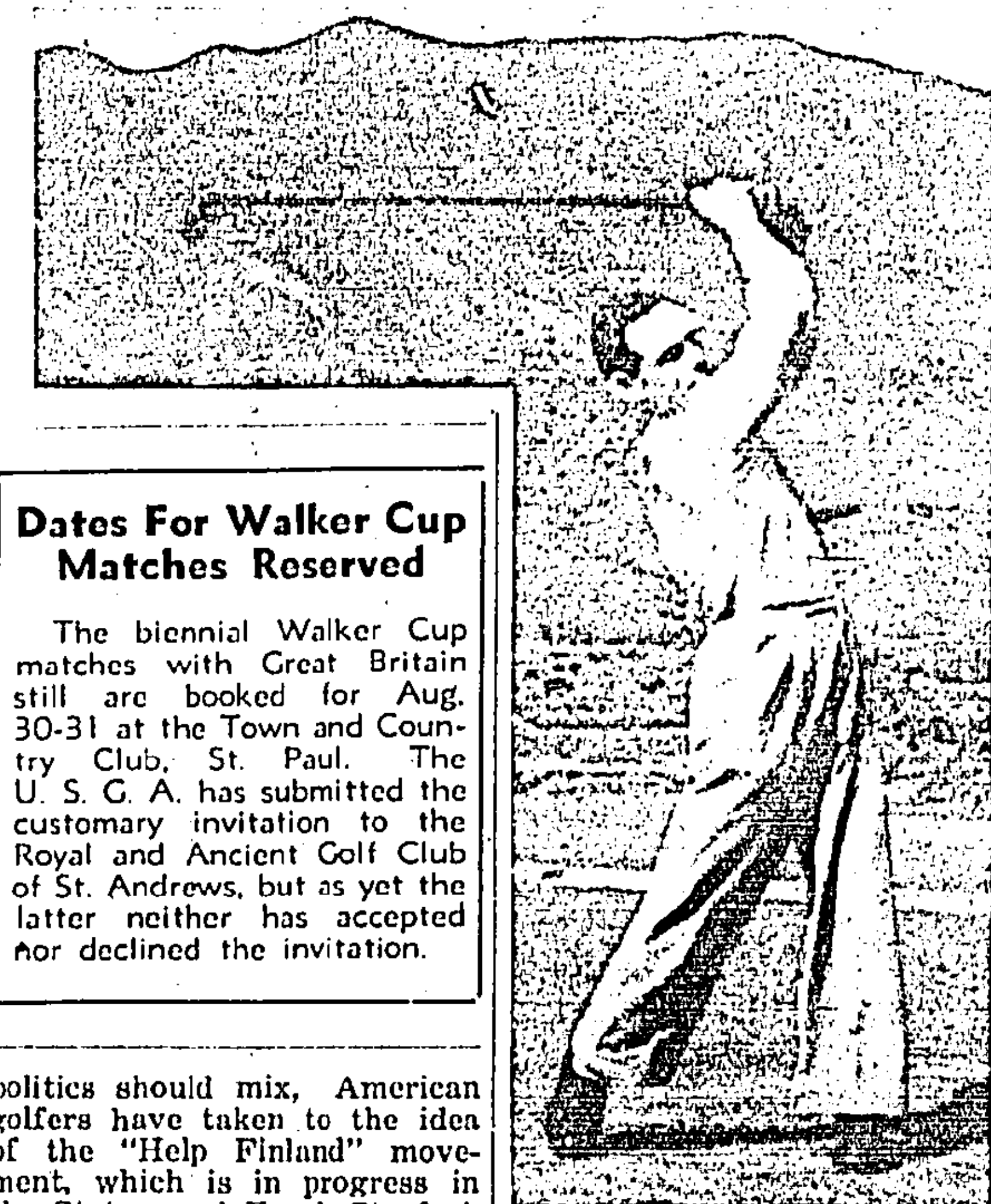
MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.
Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21520).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Dates For Walker Cup Matches Reserved

The biennial Walker Cup matches with Great Britain still are booked for Aug. 30-31 at the Town and Country Club, St. Paul. The U. S. G. A. has submitted the customary invitation to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, but as yet the latter neither has accepted nor declined the invitation.

politics should mix, American golfers have taken to the idea of the "Help Finland" movement, which is in progress in the States, and Frank Strafaci, one of the leading amateurs over there, has suggested that an amateur team, captained by Bobby Jones, should play the honorary Ryder Cup team which was chosen by the P.G.A. after the matches with England were cancelled last year. Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen would act as captains of the professionals, and the whole proceeds would be directed to Finland.

Strafaci suggests that the match be held at the Augusta Course, Georgia, where the Masters Tournament is played, and that it should be held on April 2 and 3—two days before the Masters Tournament begins.

The amateur team proposed (besides Bobby Jones) are Ray Ballows (twice runner-up in the National Amateur), Bud Ward (present amateur champion), Wilford Wehrle, Art Doering, Willie Turnesa (1938 amateur champion), Dick Chapman, Johnny Goodman and Johnny Fischer (former champions) and Charles Yates (former British Amateur champion).

It only remains for the amateur golf authorities to give their sanction.

WHEN the Nazis marched into Austria, they pushed Hans Swinton, well-known golfer, over to Canada, where he is now at the University of Columbia. Swinton is a friend of Henry Cotton, and still retains his membership of St. Andrew's.

In 1936, Swinton reached the semi-finals of the Hungarian Amateur; in 1937 he was runner-up in the Czechoslovakian Championship, and took third place in the Australian Amateur.

FOREIGNERS, in future, wishing to compete in the United States Open or Amateur Championships will, as a general rule, be required to compete in the Sectional Qualifying rounds, although exceptions may be made in certain circumstances. This was a ruling made by the U.S.G.A. at the recent annual meeting, when Mr. H. W. Pierce was elected President in succession to Mr. A. M. Reid.

This decision, it is reported, was reached because the premium on places is so high that the Committee wish to make as many places as possible available to the large field of United States entrants.

A. E. Davies... Royal Naval Dockyard P. T. Instructor, who has had an extraordinarily successful year in the competitions at the Kowloon G.C.

Rugby

Seven-A-Side Tournament Next Week

WITH THE END of the rugby season in sight, the annual Seven-a-side Tournament organised by the Hongkong Football Club will be played off next week on the Club ground at Happy Valley on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, March 11, 13 and 16.

Seven-a-side football is a fast and open game, which provides an excellent spectacle and lively entertainment for spectators, though it is a somewhat gruelling experience for players. The game originated many years ago on the Scottish Border, where many clubs used to open their seasons with such a Tournament. This was no doubt good for training and allowed for easy spotting of new talent, but now-a-days it has become customary for tournaments to take place at the end of the season as a grand finale, and there are now many "sevens" tournaments organised in the British Isles, usually for charity, around the Easter holidays. Perhaps the most famous of these are the Midlothian Sevens in Scotland and the Middlesex in England.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY
"Knock-out" system, with teams of seven each side, matches taking place under Rugby Union rules. Seven minutes each way are played, with a minute rest at half-time. The finalists play a rather longer game of fifteen minutes each way, with two minutes half-time. Should scores be level at no-side, teams change over and play five minute periods until one of the other side scores, when the match finishes immediately.

It is hoped that the public will flock to all three days of the local tournament, especially as proceeds are to be devoted entirely to the British War Organisation fund. Play commences on Monday and Wednesday, March 11 and 13 at 4.30 p.m., and on Saturday, March 16 at 3 p.m. The final is likely to be played at about 5.30 p.m.

RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS AT SHEUNGSHIU

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP and the Captain's Cup Competition of the Country Club, Sheungshiu, are nearing an end—the semi-finals having been played; the Foursomes Competition was won by F. E. A. Remedios and W. C. Hung, and the Mixed Foursomes is the only remaining tournament to be concluded. First round matches in the latter were played on Sunday last.

The results of the Club Championship semi-finals were:
A. A. Lopes beat H. Kew 2 up.
E. Sadlek beat C. H. Suen 5 and 4.

Captain's Cup

The results of the Captain's Cup semi-finals were:
S. Y. Gillus (14) beat Geo. Lee (18) 3 and 2.
M. F. de Pinna (18) beat E. J. M. Churn (13) by 3 and 2.

Foursomes

The final of the Foursomes:
F. E. A. Remedios and W. C. Hung beat T. Y. C. Lee and P. K. Tyan 1 up.

Mixed Foursomes

First round matches in the Mixed Foursomes were:
Miss L. G. Ablong and C. H. Suen beat Miss E. Ford and S. V. Gillus 4 and 3.
Miss M. C. Churn and A. W. Ramsey beat Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Basto 5 and 4.
Mrs. A. J. Kew and T. Y. C. Lee beat Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee 2 up.
Miss Sequela and P. K. Tyan beat Miss A. Roza and E. J. M. Churn 3 and 2.
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios received a walk-over from Miss M. Mooney and C. Kew.
Miss L. Heang and Geo. Lee beat Miss Mabel Churn and A. T. Lee 4 and 3.

Tennis Singles Tournament

Tsui Yun-pui Defeats T. J. Gould 6-4, 6-3

(By "Tinker")

ONLY TWO MATCHES in the Colony Open Tennis Championships were played at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday, both being singles. Tsui Yun-pui entered the second round at the expense of T. J. Gould, whom he beat 6-4, 6-3, and A. R. Kitchell beat Y. H. Ho 6-4, 6-2.

Though Tsui was not fully extended, Gould provided opposition that kept the spectators interested. He concentrated on Tsui's backhand, which is not the latter's weakness, and on one particular occasion Gould was left standing with a sizzling cross-court backhand. It was in rare shots like these that Tsui gave glimpses of true form.

Gould was not hopelessly outclassed. He served accurately and well. He tried hard to manoeuvre his opponent around, and on a couple of occasions succeeded in slipping side-line shots past the Chinese player for winners.

Tsui led in the first set right from the beginning, and though Gould crept up to 4-5, the succeeding game ended the set.

In the second set, Tsui was led 2-1 and then 3-1, but jumped into form and put over some very fine cross-court drives that took him into the lead at 4-3. He increased it to 5-3, and in the last game was leading 40-15 but could not end the set until duce had been called once.

To-day's programme is:

OPEN SINGLES

Pang Oi-lam v. Lee Hua-kek.
S. A. Hussain v. Chan Kwong-lu.
T. A. Pearce v. Wong Hok-nang.
Maraland Ma v. E. Zuluf.
Kwok Hing-chung v. O. Rumjahn.
Bew Louie v. O. Umelan.

OPEN DOUBLES

E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. A. Chan and J. Hau.

CLUB SINGLES

J. S. Theobald v. V. R. Gordon.



Mrs. Glenda Collett-Vare, famed American golfer, seems quite pleased with the drive she has just sent down the fairway.

FOOTBALL REFEREES RAISING MONEY FOR CLUBHOUSE

THE PUBLICATION of a bi-monthly magazine during the next football season in order to raise funds for a clubhouse was decided upon at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Referees' Association last night.

Disappointment was expressed by the Chairman, Mr. D. M. Mitchell, at the refusal of the League Management Committee to grant permission for a match between the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation and the Rest of the Colony on March 13, and at the Association because of the congestion of fixtures. He hoped the game could be played at the beginning of next season.

TALK ON REFEREEING
AN INTERESTING talk on refereeing in the English Football League was given by Mr. H. S. Stokes.

Referees for the first and second divisions, he said, received a fee of three guineas while those for the third were paid two guineas, besides travelling expenses. In the case of linesmen, those for the first and second divisions were each paid one and half guineas, while those for the third received one guinea. About 50 per cent. of the referees were either schoolmasters or commercial travellers.

PROMOTION HARD
THERE WERE 50 referees in the League with 30 supplementary ones, while the number of linesmen was approximately 300. Before one could be a linesman he must be a class 1 referee of his County or Service association. The ways to promotion to supplementary referee and, if lucky, perhaps later to referee, were hard and stormy and only very few even got the half-way stage. The referees and linesmen were appointed on a system, and though the number of these officials seemed a lot, actually it was not so for in its 37 weeks season no fewer than 1,840 matches were played in all four divisions. Each of the 50 referees was allocated 28 matches for the season, and each supplementary referee had 12 games plus 12 line appointments.

UNIVERSITY HOLD CLUB TO CREDITABLE DRAW

Junior League Cricket Reviewed By "R. Abbit"

IN DEALING at a considerable length with the K.C.C. v. Recreio Match yesterday I am afraid I rather crowded out a few observations on the 2nd Division cricket. One of the most interesting results was the match in which the University second managed to hold quite a useful Club second to a draw.

The Club knocked up 178 but they only got really going after 6 wickets had fallen, Parsons, Armstrong, Mitchell and Lowe all being dismissed cheaply. MacLeod got 30 and Lawrence 15, but it wasn't until Paterson and Bishop came together that runs came along quickly. They put up 73 for the 7th wicket, and, with Divett in, he and Bishop added 49, in an unbroken stand for the 8th wicket. It looks as if the declaration had been delayed too long, but on enquiry I find that the last two overs produced about 30 runs.

Actually, Mitchell would probably have been quite safe on declaring at 140, but he was under the impression that it would be possible to play until 6.30—the agreed time for drawing. However, at 6.15 it was much too dark for cricket, and the University batted very stoutly, six of their men getting into double figures, and they just avoided defeat.

Small Scoring

IN THE GAME between the C.C.C. second and the I.R.C. there was another draw, and a pretty tight fit! I see that the veteran U. M. Omar is turning out for the second—at least I suppose he is the bowler who used to play for the first and for Hongkong.

The Craigengower could only manage 101—Lock (29) and Lam (24) being top scorers. The Indians collected 93 for 9 wickets, and it would have been hard put to it but for an innings of 30 by M. I. Ruzack, while T. Ali (17 not out) held up things in the end, with A. M. Omar doing very well with the ball. His figures were 14/4/30/6.

Another Recreio Win

THE RECREIO had a day out altogether, as their second Eleven beat the K.C.C. second by 32 runs, which puts them in a very nice place in the 2nd Division table, as they are only one point behind the I.R.C. with a match in hand.

A. M. Prata as usual got runs, making 33, while J. E. Noronha had 22, and A. V. Gosano going in No. 10 rattled up 33, and then took 3 for 10. Gutierrez had 6 for 44.

Down at the Valley the C. S. second were no match whatever for the Police. Only H. Strange and G. Ainsley got into double figures and they were all out for 67. Danbrowsky had another good day, taking 4 for 11. The Police hit off the runs without difficulty, and finally totalled 143 for 9 wickets.

The Sunday Game

THE VOLUNTEERS visited Craigengower on Sunday, and found them in particularly good form. After a good opening by W. Hong-Sling (19) and Ernie Zimmern (48), F. R. Zimmern, Esmaill, G. Souza and Billimoria all fell rapidly to Perry. However, Hulse and Hanson staid things up, and S. Ramschand and Winch put on 70 for the last wicket, making the total 232.

A GOOD TRY

THE VOLUNTEERS started appealingly—and, by the way, they were not at full strength—but with Griffiths and Perry together, things improved. It is simply amazing how these Civil Servants cannot get runs from anything else but the C. S. Griffiths had 22, Perry 11, and Gegg 11. However, they could not quite manage it and were all out for 181 runs.

Hongkong C.C. Teams Selected

The following will represent the Hongkong C.C. at cricket on Saturday:
1st XI, against Craigengower: C.C. (Home)—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), Surg. Lt. Comdr. W. G. Finnie, J. H. Fox, M. F. L. Haynes, H. Owen Hughes, A. K. MacKenzie, D. McEldon, J. L. C. Pearce, A. E. Perry, J. E. Richardson and E. W. Stout. XI against Diocesan Boys School (Away)—R. S. W. Paterson (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, G. P. Charlton, C. G. Goss, J. H. Fox, M. F. L. Haynes, D. S. Robb, L. C. Smith, T. M. Sutter and I. P. Tamworth.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Teams

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey this week:
1st XI against University (Home): ground, 5 p.m. (to-morrow)—Benwell, Jordan and Tomlinson; Smith, McEldon and Colledge; Corser, Sparr, Pennington, White and Highland.
2nd XI against Kowloon Rifles (Home): ground, 4.15 p.m. (Saturday)—Benwell, Taylor and Tomlinson; Kempson, Pennington and Coombe; Smith, Gemmell, White and Benwell.
3rd XI against Kowloon Rifles (Home): 4.15 p.m. (Saturday)—Colledge, Killeen and Grant; Green, Gishurst and Birch; Staines, Dorrner, Corser, Sparr and Highland.

BOXING ACTIVITY IN U.S.A.

NEW YORK, Mar. 5 (UP).—The Twentieth Century Sports Club has announced that the Garcia-Ken Overlin middleweight bout for April 3 has been postponed until May 24 on account of Garcia's boils.

It appears that Garcia is to have two fights in three days, for a message from Seattle states that Nate Druxman has said that Mike Jacobs has agreed to release Garcia for his fight with Al Hostalk in that city, and the

Drawn Bout For World Bantamweight Title

TORONTO, Mar. 5 (UP).—Lou Salica and George Pace, both 171½ lbs., drew in a furious fight lasting 15 rounds for the world's bantamweight title to-day. A crowd of 8,500 paid \$10,000 to see the tide of battle swing from one to the other. In the end the two judges and referee all voted differently.

Pace, who was a 9-5 favourite before the fight, was tired in the last three rounds. Salica made a whirlwind finish.

bout will possibly take place on May 21.

Garcia has not yet signed up for the latter bout, but it is not seen how he can "pass up."

M.C.C. RESPONSE TO SUGGESTED REGIONAL LEAGUE

TO the following circular letter, sent to first-class county and minor counties clubs, is attached the signature of Sir Pelham Warner, who, soon after the outbreak of war, was appointed deputy assistant secretary of the M.C.C.:

"In view of certain requests made to M.C.C. regarding Regional cricket, the M.C.C. committee have replied that they are not at this stage prepared to initiate what has been described as Regional cricket. 'At the same time, I am to add that, if there is a general feeling among the counties that this form of cricket is reasonable and possible, the right course would be for the counties to ask for a meeting of the Advisory County Cricket Committee to be summoned.' The first circular letter on the subject of Regional cricket was sent out to the county clubs by the Surrey club last autumn, but the one we print to-day represents the first official move from headquarters.

Army Sevens' Tourney Reaches Final

FAST RUGBY was seen at the Soekunpo ground yesterday when the Army Seven-A-Side Tournament was held.

Royal Scots "A" and Royal Engineers were in fine form, and reached the semi-finals where they qualified to meet each other in the final. Royal Scots encountered 1st Middlesex "B" and won by a convincing margin of 13-0, and Engineers won from the Middlesex "A" by 9-5.

Following were the results:
2nd Royal Scots received a walk over from Royal Corps of Signals; 1st Middlesex "A" received a walk over from Heavy Brigade; 5th A.A. beat R.A.M.C.; 1st Royal Scots "A" beat 1st Middlesex "B"; 2nd Royal Scots "A" beat 1st Heavy Regiment "A"; Royal Engineers beat Royal Scots "B"; Middlesex "A" beat 5th A.A.; Royal Scots "A" beat 1st Middlesex "B"; and Royal Engineers beat Middlesex "A".

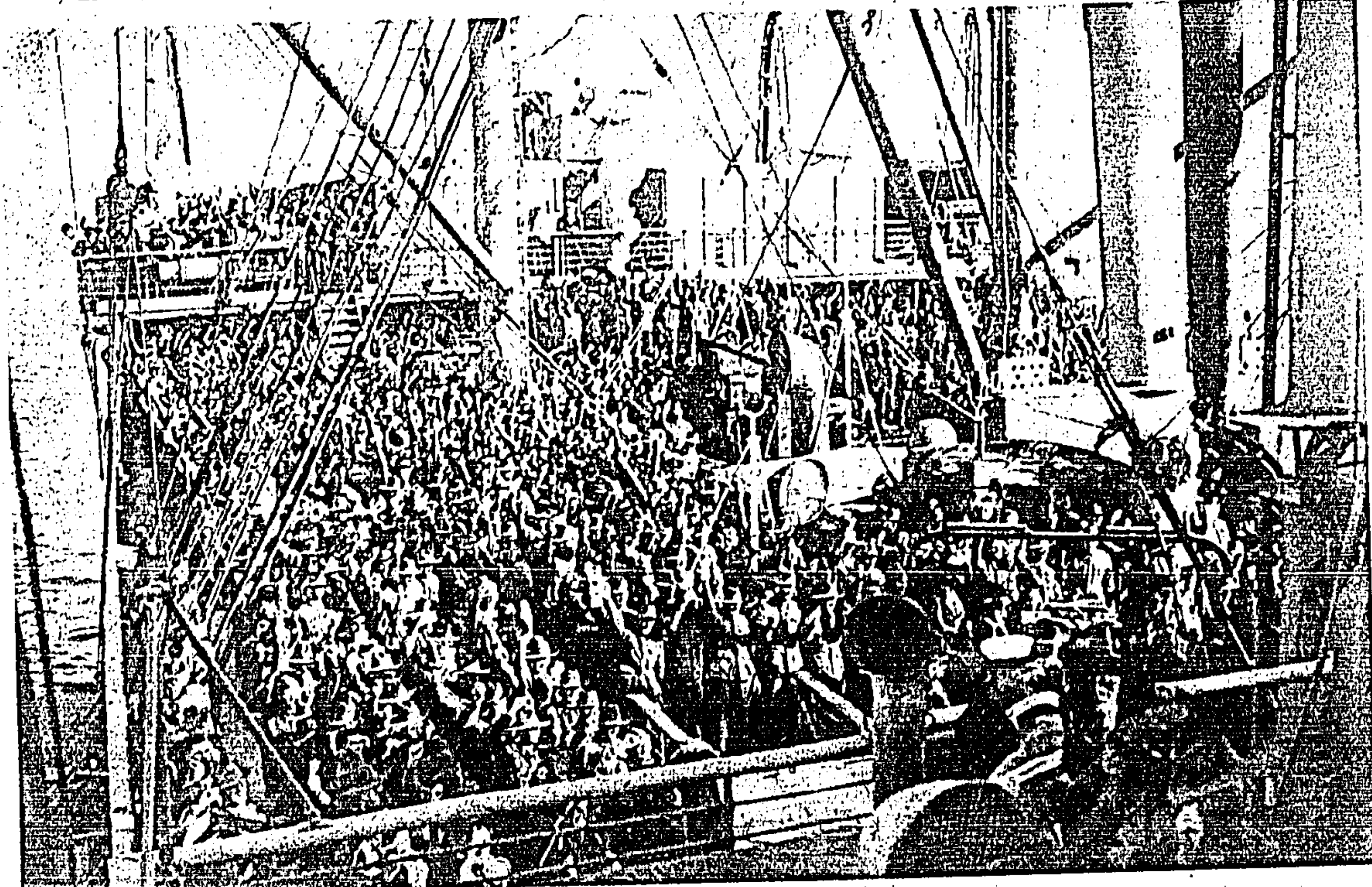
King's College Sports

The tenth annual athletic sports of King's College will be held at Ing at 1.30 p.m. Mrs. H. C. Walling-Caroline Hill on March 26, commencing will distribute the prizes.

NANCY



THE ARRIVAL OF THE ANZACS IN EGYPT



ANZACS lined up in serried rows on the deck of one of the luxury liners which brought them to Suez from Australia and New Zealand. They were welcomed there by Capt. Anthony Eden, who flew from England with a message for the men from His Majesty the King.—Domci.

Mrs. Nazi must hand over old for new

HOUSEWIVES who go shopping in Germany will now have to leave home almost as heavily laden as they return. New regulations decree that people buying new goods must hand the shopkeeper packing material or empties or castoffs. Otherwise they will not be served.

This was made compulsory some time ago for gramophone records. Now typewriter ribbons cannot be had without surrendering the old spools.

Wines or liquors cannot be obtained without supplying empty bottles, which must even be corked.

If a man has a permit to buy a new overcoat he cannot get it without giving up the old one. If the overcoat is stolen or lost there is no way of getting another.

Father's Pants

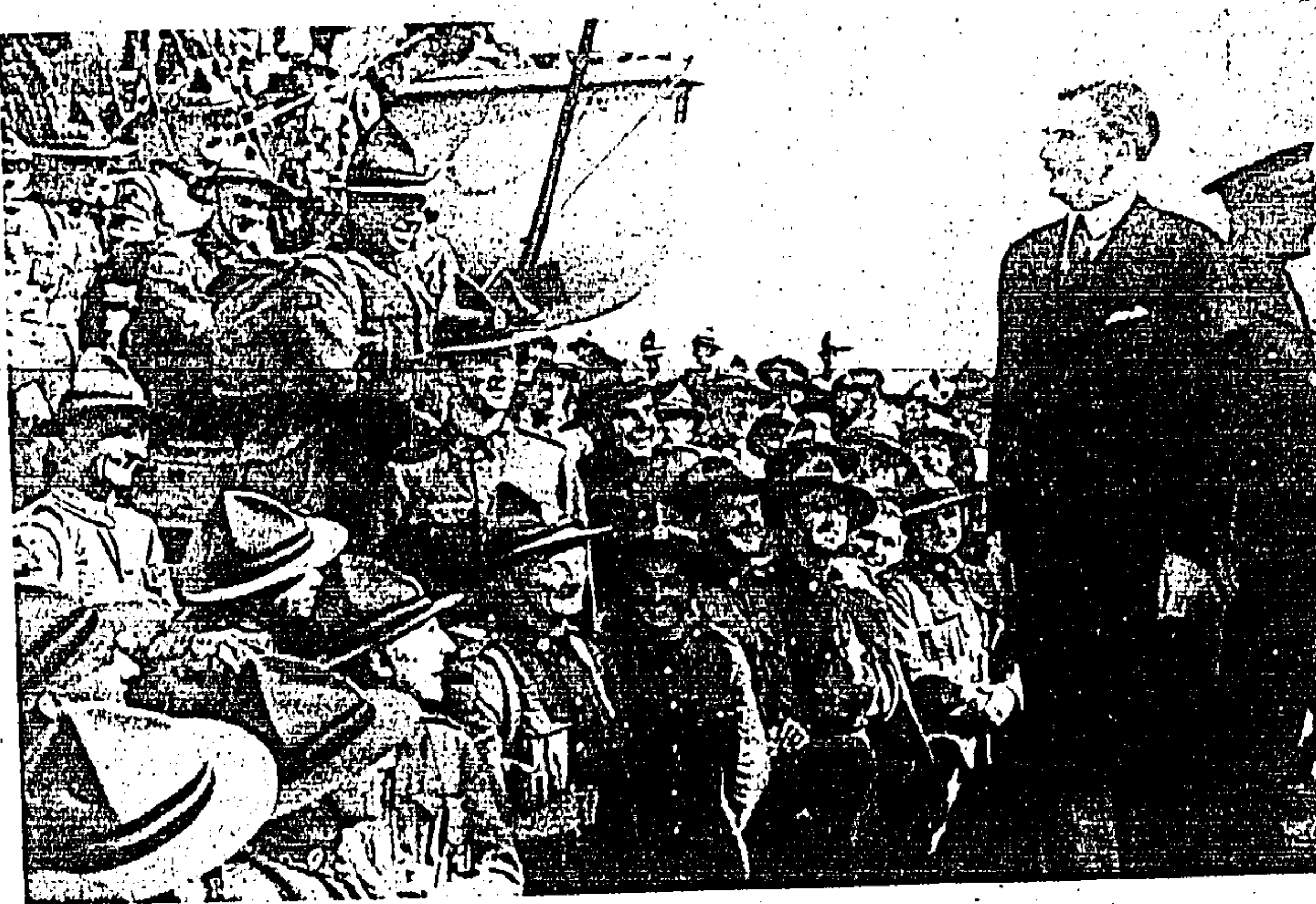
Workmen who require new files cannot get them until they can produce proof that the old files they surrender have been reshaped at least three or four times.

Special regulations provide for the sale of extra reels of thread to women who can prove they want to "cut down father's pants to make Willy a new pair."

Statistics just published in Berlin reveal the real reason for Germany's sugar rationing. Although the sugar harvest in 1939 was quantitatively good, 2.4 million tons against 2.1 million tons in 1938—the quality was so miserable that, as the comment on the figure states, "the sugar beet harvest in parts was of such exceptionally bad quality that it scarcely seemed worth gathering."

CONGRESS PARTY LEADER RESIGNS

NEW DELHI, Mar. 5 (Reuters).—Dr. Mohamed Ali, Deputy Leader of the Congress Party in the Punjab Legislative Assembly, has resigned. He said yesterday that it was the duty of every Moslem to rally under one banner and consolidate the position of the Moslem community.



MR. ANTHONY EDEN addressing New Zealand troops on the deck of one of the ships of the huge convoy of luxury liners which brought the Anzacs to Egypt.—Domci.

Inside Germany

Work-Shy Men Gaoled: Ban On Defiant Wives Is Lifted

TRUANCY from work by men and women employees is disturbing German industrial leaders.

The men desert their jobs and seek solace from war worries in neighbouring public-houses.

A court at Neuruppin, a small town not far from Berlin, has sentenced several workers to six months' imprisonment for this kind of truancy.

NEWFOUNDLAND VOLUNTEERS

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Anthony Eden said that following an exchange of views with the British Government, the Government of Newfoundland recently called for volunteers. They called for 1,300 men for service with the Royal Artillery.

The men will be trained in the United Kingdom and will be posted as soon as possible.

A call for recruits had met with the most enthusiastic response, Mr. Eden said.

It was pointed out in court that in war-time no working hours must be lost.

STATE control of labour decrees the duty of work and offences against it must be penalised.

Soldiers' wives employed in industry have openly defied these decrees. When their husbands come home on leave, the women promptly leave work.

So general has this practice become that the Ministry of Labour has been forced to grant a general permission to married women to stay home from work when their soldier husbands are on leave.

WHEN war broke out German university students were relieved from compulsory labour service.

It is now decreed that from April 1 students will again be compelled to serve in the Labour Corps before they begin their university studies.

"DAS SCHWARZE KORPS" in a leading article on "Politics and Reason," says the surprising thing about

political events of recent years has been the small part played in them by reason. It goes on to say:

"In Germany itself the belief in a German victory is the most important thing in achieving victory. There are, however, people in Germany whose attitude is based solely on reasoning.

"They are not able to cherish this belief, because they cannot feel the living power (Lebenskraft) of the German nation. They are not necessarily opponents of the Government. And so it may be concluded that reasoning is not sufficient in judging conditions which are beyond mere reasoning."

Paris Communists Rounded Up

PARIS, Mar. 5 (Reuters).—Twenty-one persons have been arrested following the discovery by the Police of numerous bundles of Communist pamphlets and multigraphed copies of the banned newspaper, "Humanite," in underground railway carriages in Paris.

The arrested include 10 employees of the underground railway and the former editor of "Humanite," who is alleged to have acted as leader.

The General Tells the Fuhrer: Don't Talk Nonsense

HITLER talks of Blitz-kriegs and secret weapons. We'll gas you out, and freeze you out, says his propaganda. But the generals reply, "Don't talk nonsense."

I have just read in two issues of the *Deutsches Adelsblatt*, Berlin "class" weekly, a sane, reasoned view of the war by their military expert, General Mezech.

While those hysterical organs of the Nazi Party are feeding the people on the most scatter-brained nonsense, General Mezech tries to break these dangerous illusions.

Germany cannot expect an easy victory, he says. The war will be long. Big efforts and heavy sacrifices will be needed.

There are no new weapons. There can be no dividing Britain and France. The enemy cannot be demoralised.

Even if the whole of France is occupied Britain will still fight alone. And London does not lose its head. And watch America. She might come in. America is Anglo-Saxon by race and thought. America is the black spot on the horizon.

In only one respect does General Mezech agree with the Nazi hysteria scribes.

In his conclusion—Britain is Enemy No. 1. Her strength is on the sea, in her vital seaports. Get a hold on Britain's ports, then you have the Lion by the throat.

SPOTLETS:

PENULTIMATE chapter in the Goebbels' creed on the dark machinations of the British Intelligence Service.

The trial is prepared of George Elser and Otto Strasser, alleged Munich bomb-plotters.

From the offices of the *Volksischer Beobachter* comes a pamphlet of "sensational disclosures" on the plot. "Murder! Espionage! Assassination!!" is the title. "Documents" prove how the British Press and British writers engineered it, how Elser and Strasser "got orders" from London.

Chiefly blamed now is H. G. ("Bomb Berlin") Wells!

POSTSCRIPT

to the whoop against the B.I.S. Seyid Rustan Haidar, Iraq Finance Minister, shot in his office by a sacked official on January 18, is their "latest victim."

Chorus of the entire German Press: Rustan Haidar was the friend of Germany. Therefore he paid to Britain with his life.

On The Home Front

Key-Men To Be Retained

15,000 Reservists Released

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuters).—Both here and in France, steps are being taken to see that industry does not suffer from the fact that key-men are in the fighting forces.

The British Army has released 15,000 reservists for three months, and the calling-up of men engaged on work of national importance will be postponed.

French Measures

In France, new labour decrees are designed to leave at their work men who cannot be replaced easily. Farm labourers too will stay on their farms.

Women and children will be drafted to farms where there are not sufficient volunteers.

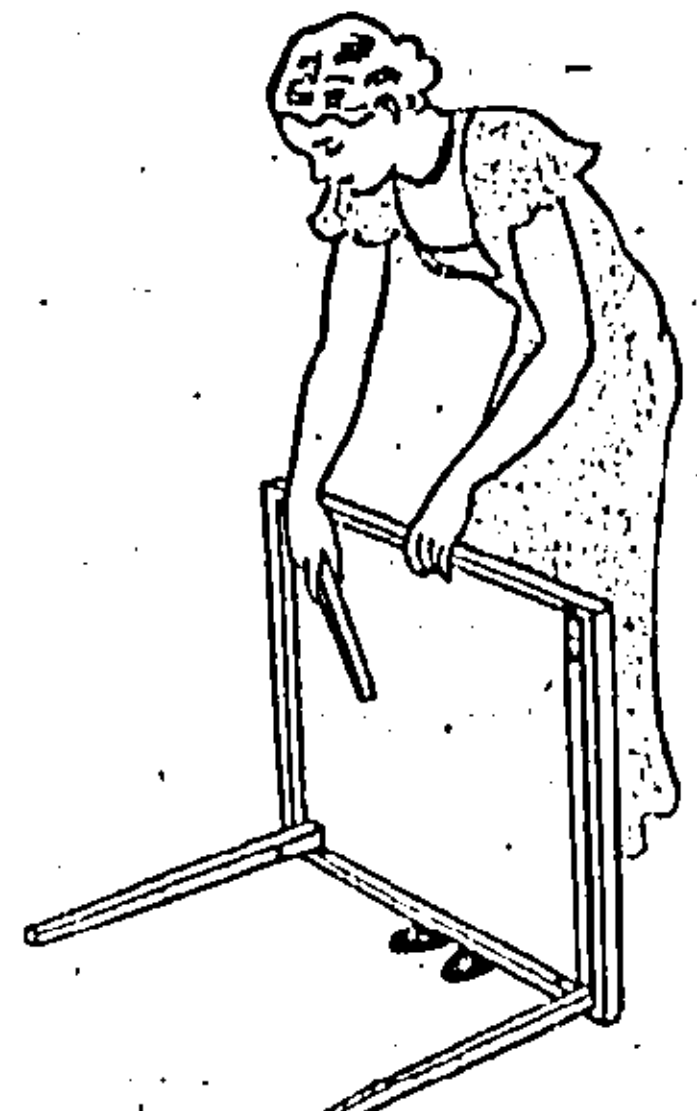
Other occupations in France where women can take over men's work are now being listed.

Here in Britain, the expansion of industry is reducing the number of unemployed. The February figure is down by 600,000 over the figure for a year ago.

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Peace M.P. Shot With Butler In Own Kitchen

NEWTYLE (Angus).

SIR CHARLES CAYZER, forty-four-year-old baronet M.P. for Chester who, with his butler, was found dying in a kitchen pantry at Kinpurnie Castle, Angus, was to have gone to London for treatment by a specialist.

He had been under doctor's orders following a nervous breakdown a few months ago.

Both Charles and his butler—Benjamin Wexham—had shot wounds in the head.

A month after war was declared Sir Charles appeared in Parliament for peace.

Estate workers at Kinpurnie Castle believe that Wexham lost his life in an attempt to save his master.

"We were more like friends than employer and servant, one said, and when Wexham saw the gun in Sir Charles' hand, his first impulse would have been to protect him.

They were found in a pantry facing the castle gun-room. Sir Charles was lying on the floor near the door. Near him was a double-barrelled gun. The butler was huddled up in a corner of the room.

When war broke out the War Office offered his services to the 19th Hussars in the last war. He was given a commission in the Army, but had to resign soon afterwards because of his health.

Last Speech Drama

SIR CHARLES CAYZER'S last speech in Parliament was an appeal for peace when the war had lasted a month.

"It is a terrible thought," he said, "that our two great nations, who are so akin as those of us who have met Germans know—I was a prisoner in Germany in the last war—should be driven on to this awful mutual destruction."

The speech was made on October 3 after the stormiest war scene in Parliament. Mr. Lloyd George believed that Germany was about to make peace proposals, and urged Mr. Chamberlain to accept them as a basis of discussion.

Mr. Duff Cooper complained that Mr. Lloyd George's words would carry abroad the suggestion of surrender.

When the House emptied after these exchanges, Sir Charles Cayzer, a shy and nervous speaker, took Mr. Lloyd George's side, protesting that the speech had been misrepresented.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The market is a trifle easier. There is no rush of selling, though buyers have temporarily gained the upper hand, and are basing their enquiries on lower levels.

Buyers
Hongkong Banks \$1,460
H.K. Wharves \$103 1/2
H.K. Mines 3 1/2 cts.
China Lights (Old) \$8.45
China Lights (New) \$5.40
Sellers
H.K. Docks \$23.10
H.K. Lands \$28 3/4
Electric \$68 1/4
Telephones (New) \$11 1/4
Sales
Hongkong Banks \$1,460/65
H.K. Docks \$23
H.K. Lands \$28 3/4
H.K. Trams \$18.15
Sint Farrel \$8 1/2
China Lights (Old) \$8.00
China Lights (New) \$5.05/5 1/2
Electric \$67 3/4/68/69
Cement \$20/19.80/19.70
Dairy Farms (Old) \$23

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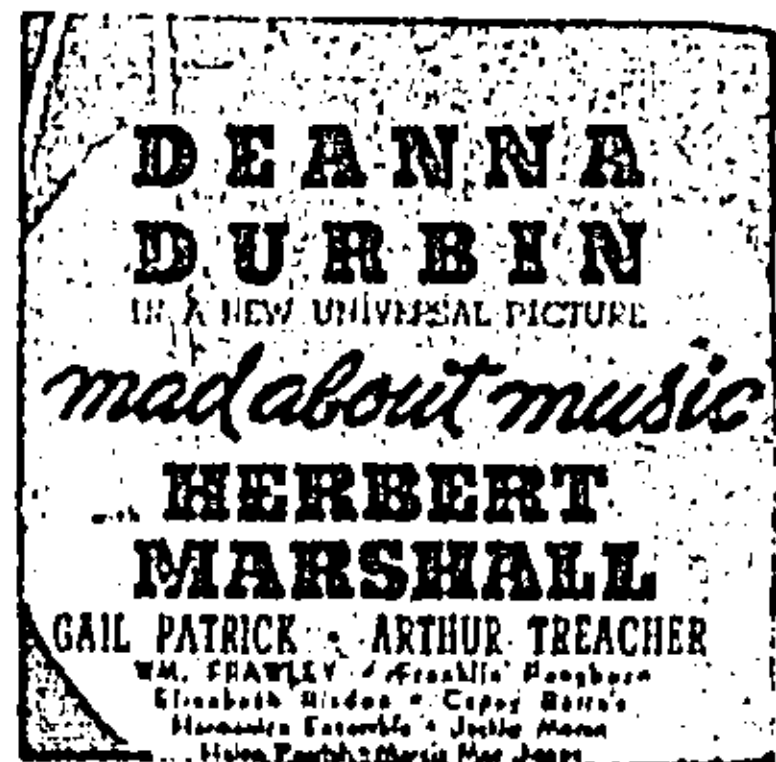
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SHE MISSED SPEE ON WAY TO WEDDING

A GIRL dashed halfway across the world to be married, risked the perils of submarines, and by chance missed being the only woman captive in the ill-fated German warship, Admiral Graf Spee, hugged her husband's arm after her wedding, and exclaimed, "He was worth it all."

Formerly Miss Betty Whitelaw, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Whitelaw, of Dunedin, New Zealand, she is now Mrs. Wakefield, wife of Mr. Stanley A. Wakefield, of Onslow Court, Worthing, Sussex.

They were married at St. Columba's Presbyterian Church, Worthing.

Mr. Wakefield, an estate developer, met his wife just before the war when he was on a world pleasure cruise.

They decided to be married this year.

To keep that date, Mrs. Wakefield boarded the British liner Doric Star at Auckland, New Zealand. War had broken out. The high seas were rife with enemy submarines and ships.

Love Stronger Than Fear

But she was not deterred. Love was stronger than fear.

When the Doric Star reached Sydney, New South Wales, she changed her plans. The Melbourne Star, a faster ship, was leaving for Britain at the same time. She decided to transfer to her.

And when she reached Liverpool, after travelling nearly 15,000 miles of ocean, she learned that the Doric Star had become a victim of the German pocket battleship Graf Spee. "If I had stayed in the Doric Star I would have been in the Graf Spee."

"Worth Every Risk"

"I might now be dead or I might have been able to write a story of my life in the Graf Spee, and the money would have paid for our honeymoon!"

"It was worth it all. Now I am married to the man I love. War or no war, I am the happiest girl in the world—even if I had to travel half way across the world to see my dream come true."

"The wedding in the little church at Worthing was worth every risk I took."

They showed me the bedroom the Queen would have occupied if she had gone to Canada in the ship. I asked if the Repulse escorted the first Canadian troops across the Atlantic—and they took me to the galley to show me how they prepare four meals a day for 1,100 men. I asked if they had been down in the South Atlantic—and they showed me the panelling that the shipwrights had carved for the chapel which the ship's company are constructing out of a corner that was originally intended to be an emergency signal station.

I Met Goering

And when I asked if they had fired any of their guns in action they took me between decks and presented me to Goering, Goebbels, and Himmler, three ship's kittens whose mother, Mrs. Hitler, was washed overboard and left them orphaned. Repulse by name and repulse by nature when it is a matter of questions that they would rather not answer!

The figure of her time at sea is five months, however, and a clear indication of the amount of work she has done, though not of the nature of the work. The prolonged and nervous strain on everybody on board is the same in a big ship as in a small escort vessel or a destroyer, though the physical discomfort may be less.

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These conclusions have been reached by the British Institute of Public Opinion, which sent out its 250 interviewers to ask the question:

"How long do you think the war will continue from now?"

Of those questioned:

30 per cent. replied: Under 12 months.

42 per cent. replied: 12 months to 3 years.

13 per cent. replied: More than 3 years.

14 per cent. replied: Don't know.

An optimistic 12 per cent. think that the war will be over in six months; a pessimistic 13 per cent. think it will last more than three years.

One man said that he thought the war would last 35 years.

Men think the war will last longer than do women, and

young people are not so hopeful of a short war as elderly people.

The British Institute of Public Opinion is an entirely independent, fact-finding organization which samples the views of the public by personal interviews with a carefully-balanced cross-section of the whole population, representative of all shades of opinion.

PLANE HAS 17 GUNS

New Armament
Methods

By MAJOR C. C. TURNER

Air fighting in the present war has not so far completely established the employment of the shell gun as an item in aeroplane armament.

Some machines of each side are equipped with it, but I understand there have not been more than one or two instances of its successful employment.

Machine-guns are still the principal armament, their position unshaken. In fact, their use is likely to be increased. Thus, an aeroplane called the "Thunderbolt" designed for the United States Army Air Corps is to be armed with 17 machine-guns, and will have a crew of four men.

This elaboration of the multi-gun fighter bears upon aircraft armament problems now beginning to be fought out by the hard test of war. Three main armament methods are now standardised, and expert opinion is still found to differ considerably as to their respective merits. They are:

1. Machine-guns in fixed positions firing forward, the pilot gunner "aiming" his machine at the enemy craft.

2. Machine-guns in power-operated turrets, enabling the weapon to be "trained" in any direction clear of parts of the aeroplane itself.

3. Shell guns, usually of about 4in bore, firing projectiles which explode on impact. Air Corps is to be armed with 17 machine-guns, and will have a crew of four men.

The "Thunderbolt" will not be the only type in which the present maximum of eight machine-guns will be exceeded.

Case For The Shell Gun

Many experts pin their faith to this type of armament as, in their opinion, superior to the shell gun. It is true that a shell from this weapon effects destruction over a square yard, which is sufficiently serious in nearly every case to bring a machine down.

Another advantage claimed for the shell gun is its greater range.

This, however, may be offset by the fact that greater range demands finer marksmanship and that inevitably there is a greater proportion of misses.

The movable turret, developed for the R.A.F. so successfully that it is one of the strongest points of British superiority over the enemy in the present war, affords an aeroplane fields of fire above, below and above. It provides bombers and reconnaissance machines with defence, and brings into being a new class of air fighter or fighter-bomber.

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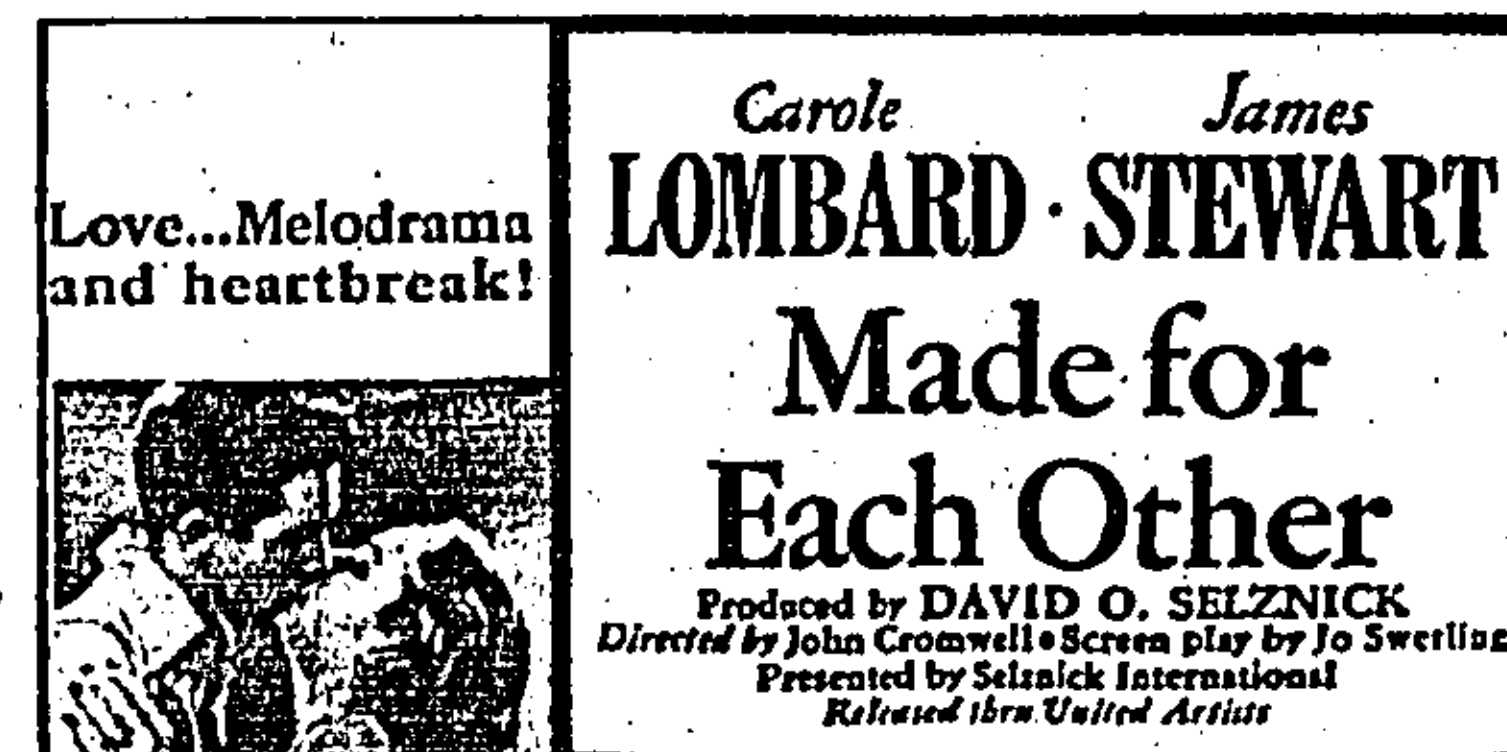
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London, Mar. 5.
Rev. J. Q. C. Hind, son of the former Bishop of Fukuoka, has resigned his curacy at Bury St. Edmunds because he says it is in the best interests of the parish that there should be no divisions.

Mr. Hind is a pacifist and has been at Bury St. Edmunds three years. In his letter of resignation he says: "I am sorry to have been the cause of this trouble."

In the last issue of the parish magazine the Vicar referred to the special problem of pacifism facing the parish and referring to Mr. Hind's resignation, said: "His sentiments do him credit. It is grievous to find that the parish has not been

**VICTIM CARRIED FOUR
MILES UNDER BUS
IN BLACK-OUT**

LONDON.—It is believed that a woman's body found under a bus, which was being backed into Hamersmith Garage on Thursday night, was carried under the vehicle from Trafalgar-square, about four miles away.

The woman was identified as Mrs. Mildred M. Matthews, 39, of Harland Avenue, Sidcup, Kent.

It is thought that she was knocked down in Trafalgar Square and then caught up under a passing bus. A handbag and gas mask were found in the square.

able to tolerate, but rejects a man of sincere convictions leading a Christian life and with whose opinions they differ.—Reuter.

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BRITONS MAY HAVE TO LOSE ALL LUXURIES FOR DURATION

"CASH & CARRY WAR" GOVERNMENT'S AIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, MARCH 6 (UP).—REGIMENTATION OF SUPPLIES IS TO BE ENFORCED IN BRITAIN ON A SCALE NEVER BEFORE ATTEMPTED IN THAT COUNTRY.

THE SECRETARY FOR OVERSEAS TRADE, MR. ROBERT HUDSON, ANNOUNCES THAT BRITAIN'S EXPORT MACHINERY IS BEING COMPLETELY RE-ORGANISED FOR A "CASH AND CARRY WAR".

When the new scheme is put into operation, home consumption may be so drastically curtailed that Britons will be forced to go without all luxuries.

"The new Export Council must see that British exports increase sufficiently to pay for materials we have to import to win the war," said Mr. Hudson.

"We cannot borrow abroad as we did in 1918. We must pay as we go."

ITALY TO RATION HER COAL

Immediate Reaction To
British Blockade

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Mar. 5 (UP).—The Italian Government has issued a decree enforcing a strict rationing system for coal.

Diplomatic circles are inclined to doubt that Britain's action in blockading supplies of German coal will cause any serious crisis between Britain and Italy.

Well-informed circles in London point out that Britain recognised, before she issued the new rule regarding German contraband, the possibility of an Italian military demonstration against the stoppage of her supplies.

No Wavering

But neutral observers believe that even an Italian demonstration of this nature would not cause the Allies to waver.

Only yesterday, Britain revealed that she had completed troops concentrations at Kenya, which adjoins Abyssinia, thus bolstering British control of both outlets of the Mediterranean.

In addition, both Britain and France have large armies in the eastern Mediterranean area, under the command of General Weygand. Finally, Turkey is a powerful ally who would automatically side with the Allies in the event of trouble.

German Reaction

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (UP).—Nazi quarters, commenting on the halting of German coal exports to Italy, said: "This is Italy's affair. Italy will undoubtedly find a suitable answer." The German press speaks of Italy's "lawless English measures."

The "Boersen Zeitung": "The British have been so careless as to stir up the Mediterranean problem which they hoped had been settled once and for all by the agreement of April 10, 1938."

The "National Zeitung": "Italy can look forward to future developments calmly for their full quota of coal supplies from Germany are as- PLEASE Turn To Page 10.

WHITE PAPER PUBLISHED

Coincident with the announcement, a White Paper has been issued on the subject of the new Export Council.

It states that the Council must approach its task from the standpoint of maintaining export trade, "which is so vital a factor in the war effort by the Allied Powers that no measure calculated to contribute to the end in view should be excluded from consideration."

NOT SEEKING WORLD MONOPOLY

The White Paper urges manufacturers and merchants to organise and facilitate exports.

"Britain does not intend to take advantage of the war to try and secure a monopoly of the world's markets."

"We will, therefore, limit regimentation to the minimum necessity and the war demands."

Aims Of Export Council

LONDON, Mar. 5, (British Wire- less).—The aims and plan of the work of the Export Council set up by the Board of Trade are set out in a White Paper issued to-day.

The aim is summed up as the "promotion of the greatest volume of export trade which will be achieved under the conditions of war."

Export trade is regarded by the Council as a factor so vital in the war effort that no measure calculated to achieve the aim will be excluded from the consideration.

Machinery for accomplishing the desired purpose will be built on normal trade structure, although it is recognised that war conditions require direction, guidance and support given by Government to exporters to a degree not contemplated in peace time.

The White Paper specifically states that "should exceptional circumstances arise in particular trades or over the whole field, the Council will place no limit to the expedients they will be prepared to consider," and it is anticipated that a considerable diversion from home to export markets will be experienced in the case of many commodities.

Exports For Industries

Stating that "it is clear that each industry, in considering export development, has problems of raw materials, prices, distribution and markets which are highly specialised," the White Paper forecasts the setting up in each industry of an export group with which the Council will co-operate.

These groups will be formed by the existing trade organisations and the Chamber of Commerce. PLEASE Turn To Page 10.

U.S. Wants British Territory

Old Claim Revived

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (UP).—An old claim for the cession of British colonial territory as payment of the 1914-18 war debts has been revived in Congress.

Senator Reynolds has moved a private resolution in the Senate, authorising President Roosevelt to open negotiations with Great Britain for the purchase of British Honduras and certain Caribbean islands.



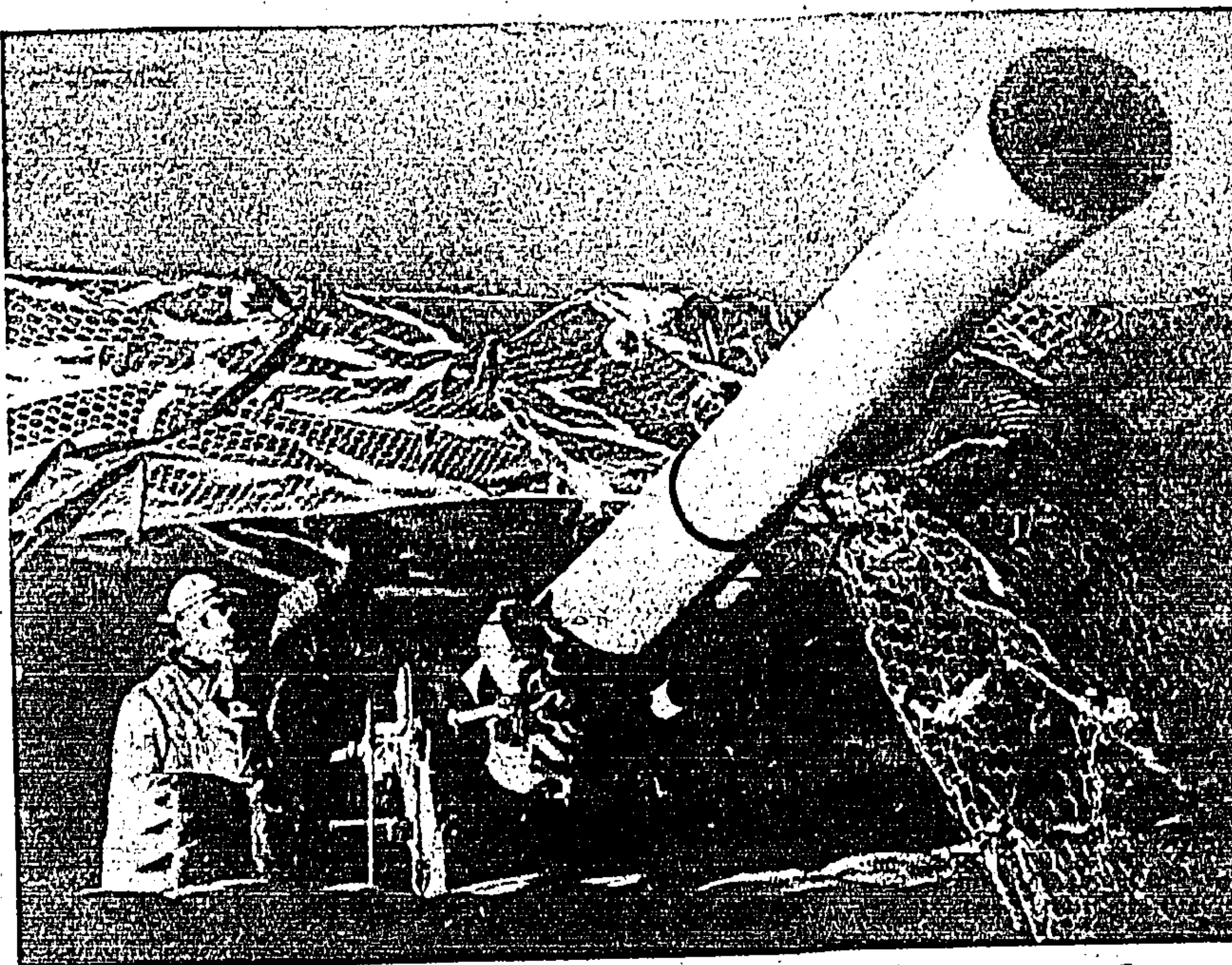
It is believed that Senator Reynolds' private Bill is designed more to indicate America's intention of strengthening the defence of the Caribbean Sea and the Panama Canal.

Crown Colony

British Honduras has a total area of 8,867 square miles (about nine times as much as Hongkong) and a population of 86,000. The greater part of the country is covered by forest, from where the staple products

ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT

But Guns are Ready Day and Night



A GAS-MASKED British gun crew sheltering under the camouflage net of their emplacement. The British Expeditionary Force has taken over an advanced sector, and suffered its first casualties.

BLOCKADE LEAKAGE

Allied Experts Pay Visit
To Washington

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The arrival of Mr. G. Ashton-Gwatkin, of the Ministry of Economic Warfare, and M. Charles Rist, of the French Blockade Ministry, in the United States is being connected in some quarters with recent reports of strong British action to seal up blockade holes through which American exports are still reaching Germany.

While official information is lacking, diplomatic sources here point out that American exports to European neutrals have all increased, and while most neutrals are naturally anxious to build up reserves, the combined American exports to Europe are reaching proportions equal to normal shipments to neutrals and Germany.

Siberia Suspected

Another suspected leak is through Siberia, particularly aviation petrol exports, of which there have been considerable supplies for some months.

Well-informed circles forecast that the Allies will shortly make a move in Washington aimed at securing a reduction of exports from America if the war is not to continue indefinitely because, if the enormous trade with neutrals is allowed to continue, it will partly nullify the Allied gain from the Neutrality Legislation, especially as the terms under which the Allies are buying war material, including planes, are abnormally stiff.

The terms represent practically the provision of funds for the extension of the plants necessary for large production of planes, while the price of planes so produced remains exorbitant.

are obtained. It is a Crown Colony, the capital being Belize (pop. 18,000), which is also the principal port.

Annual revenue approximately US\$1,600,000; public debt \$3,400,000; annual imports \$3,981,000, 25 per cent of which are from the United Kingdom.

RED CONSULATE IS CLOSED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KALGAN, Mar. 6 (Domel).—The Soviet Consulate at Kalgan has been closed due to the decrease of the number of Soviet residents in the district and the suspension of commercial transactions between Inner Mongolia and the Soviet Union.

M. Kotov, the Soviet Consul, and his wife left Kalgan for Peking several days ago. The Soviet Consulate at Kalgan was opened in June, 1934.

Real Estate Loses Value

One Effect Of War
In London

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 5 (UP).—Real estate values in London declined between 20 per cent, and 40 per cent, since the outbreak of war, according to Mr. Sydney A. Smith, expert property valuer, when addressing the annual conference of the Surveyors' Institute.

Official valuers assessing estates for payment of estate duties are now giving valuations at between 60 per cent, and 80 per cent, of pre-war values throughout evacuated areas including London," he said.

Certain Amount Of Buying

"Offsetting this decline there has been a certain amount of buying of real estate as a protection against possible inflation. This is still small but it might grow rapidly when the public grasps the idea that at any rate there are already a few people who are picking up property as a long term investment furnishing security."

"Apartment houses have been a serious problem through the loss of PLEASE Turn To Page 10.

Matrimonial Peace For Stan Laurel

Third Wife Agrees To
Settlement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 6 (UP).—Stan Laurel, much-married, mournful English film comedian and partner of Oliver Hardy, has finally settled his matrimonial troubles.

His third wife, whom he married at three separate ceremonies last year, Iliana, the Russian blues singer whose former name was Vera Shuvalova, has agreed to accept \$1,000 in settlement of her claims against him.

Stan and Iliana were first married on January 1, 1938, at Yuma, Arizona. Stan found his second wife, the former Mrs. Virginia Ruth Rogers, from whom he had obtained a divorce on the previous day, was staying in the same hotel in Yuma.

"Marrying Complex"

Virginia tried to have the divorce declared invalid, but the Courts decided against her.

Then Stan and Iliana married a second time. They married a third time in April, 1938, and announced that they might get married in every State.

Virginia once said of Stan: "He has a marrying complex."

The Laurel-Hardy partnership has been successful without the other and they joined the Hal Roach studios shortly afterwards to produce "A Chump at Oxford", first of a series of new films they are to make. It was successful without the other and was screened in Hongkong this week.

HITLER'S WAR TACTICS

Trying To Break The
Allies' Morale

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 5 (UP).—Analysing why Hitler had not attacked the Allies on the Western Front, a spokesman of the French military mission to London in an interview with the press said that Hitler was now trying to break the morale of the Allies.

He pointed out that Hitler avoided an immediate conflict on the Western Front on the outbreak of war in accordance with a German military theory that a war on two fronts was disastrous and was accountable for Germany's defeat in the last war.

Blitzkrieg Too Expensive

He said that a major war on the Western Front would be most expensive in materials and a "blitzkrieg" with mechanised forces would consume tremendous supplies of petrol. It was questionable, he said, whether Hitler possesses sufficient quantities to give him success. He was also avoiding the tremendous casualties an offensive would entail.

The conflict now proceeding on sea and in the air against Britain was a fairly inexpensive type of warfare and the losses of personnel were small, he said.

Hitler might hope thus to starve out the population and wear down the opinion of the country in support of war.

He said that against France Germany was unleashing a tremendous volume of propaganda aimed to make the war unpopular.

The spokesman added that although the war was at present following these channels it was realised that at any moment we may see the release of a terrific attack from the massed German war machine.

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News.

72-YEAR-OLD BEGGAR HAS SMALL FORTUNE

A 72-year-old widow who was convicted at the Central Magistracy this morning of begging in the streets had a small fortune tucked away in her clothes when she was arrested.

A search at the Central Police Station revealed that she had \$547 in Hongkong currency and \$615 in National currency in her possession.

Wells To Magistrate
She was begging for coppers in Des Voeux Road Central when arrested.

RUMANIAN, BULGARIAN PATROLS IN SKIRMISH

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, March 5 (Domel).—While increasing tension is reported in the Balkans, a skirmish occurred between Rumanian and Bulgarian border patrols near Dobruja this afternoon. There were several casualties on both sides.

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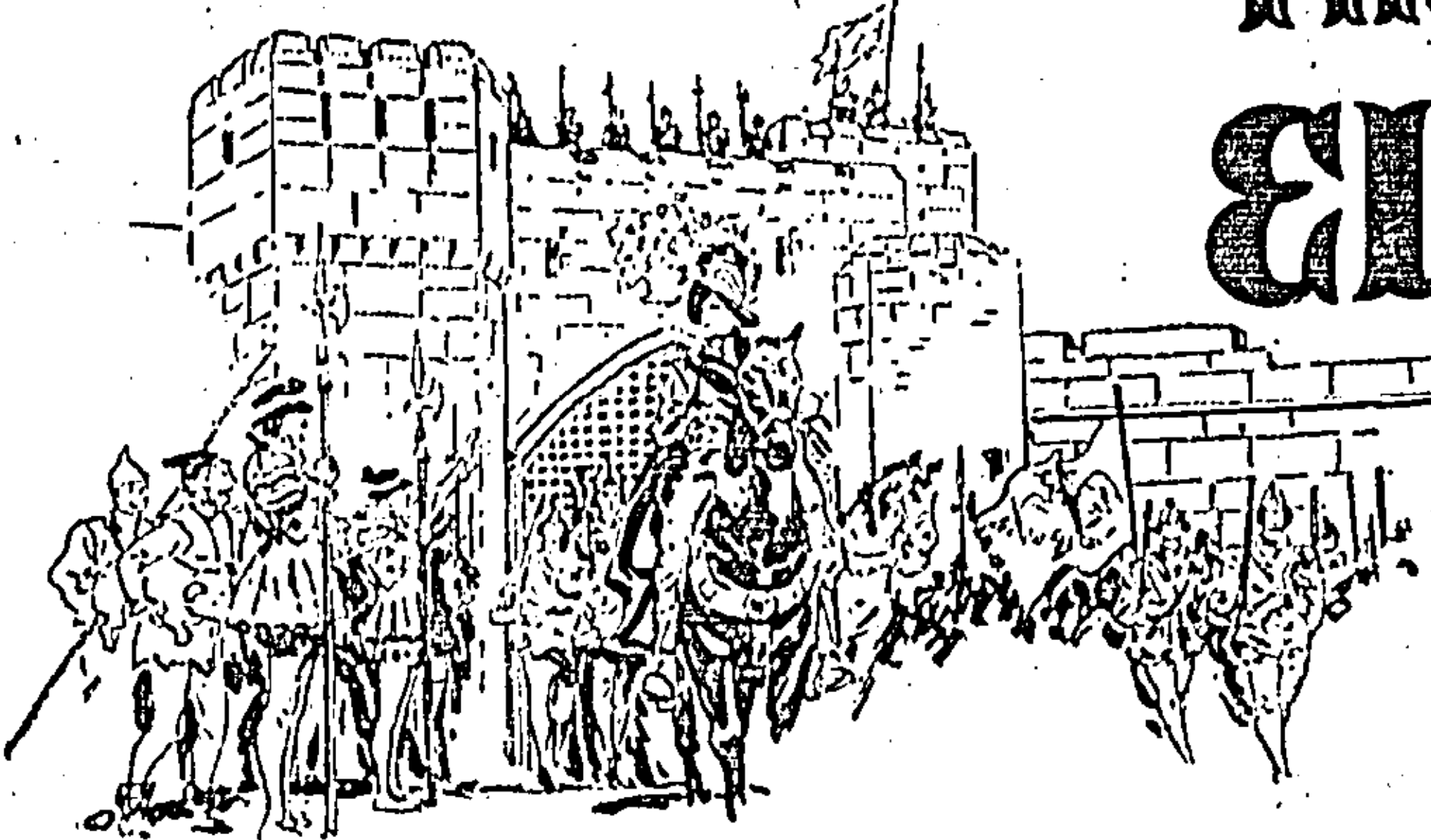
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Essex spoke impatiently,
looking down at the royal
messenger from his pranc-
ing charger, the sharp
talons of his hooded falcon
gripped around his gaunt-
leted wrist.

"You've not come this
long way just to bid the
time of day!" Then his voice
softened. "Was it the
Queen herself who sent
you?"

"Yes, my lord Essex, and
Her Majesty says . . ."

"I can guess what she
says," exclaimed Essex ea-
gerly. "She sends me her
dear love, and begs me to
return! Ah, if she could but
know how greatly I've
longed for this moment . . ."

"Your desires out-race fact,
my lord! The Queen com-
mands . . ."

"Commands, does she!" he
broke in sharply.

"Bacon! the defeated in Ire-
land! Her Majesty needs you
in London, and commands you
to your duty!"

"Does she take me for a ser-
vant? She insults me before
the entire court, then, when an
emergency comes, and she finds
she needs a man to help her, she
commands me to return! The
devil with her and with Ire-
land, too! I'll stay here till
England rings with an apology
from her, as public as her
affront!"

"SOFTLY, my lord!" warned
Bacon with a grim smile. "If
you lose your head now, you'll
lose it in earnest later on! Have

THE STORY THUS FAR: London, 1596. The Earl of Essex
and his subordinates, Sir Walter Raleigh and Lord Howard are
summoned before Queen Elizabeth on their return from the
successful storming of Cadiz in Spain. Essex—with whom
the Queen is notoriously infatuated—is enraged when
Elizabeth, instead of praising him for heroism, denounces
him as having been actuated by selfishness, and elevates
Raleigh and Howard to places of honour. Essex angrily pro-
tests and the Queen strikes him across the face. He turns
his back on her and leaves London. Her armies are defeated
in Ireland and Francis Bacon suggests that she order Essex
back to lead a new army. Telling Bacon she wants Essex
back, alive and with her, but not in Ireland to be killed, she
sends him to bring Essex back.

you forgotten you're talking
about the Queen?"

"Queen!" retorted Essex con-
temptuously. "she's nothing but
the great-granddaughter of a
Welsh pantyman! My fathers
stood with King John at Run-
nymede! As I told you before,
Bacon, I'll stay here!"

"That'll be welcome news to
those about the Queen!"

"What do you mean?"

"Haven't you heard? Cecil,
laden with honours—Coke ap-
pointed Attorney-General—and
Raleigh steadily worming
himself into favour! Yes,
every day the wily Sir Walter
grows nearer to her in counsel
—closer in her affections!"

"You say that Raleigh—the
nincompoop—is . . . is . . ."

"She's just given him new
silver armour, the magnificence
of which fairly blinds the sun!"

"Hmmm-m . . . and closer
in her affections, you say . . ."

"For lack, my lord, of some-
one dearer . . . She still loves
you; but being a woman, she has
her pride . . ."

"So has a man . . . and he
can hang on to it longer."

"Having the stiffer neck?"

"Bah!" ejaculated Essex, rough-
ly fondling his falcon. "There's no

Of course I'll go back, at once! It
is my duty as a soldier!"

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IN the wide torch-lit hall out-
side the Queen's private apart-
ments were gentlemen pension-
ers, ladies-in-waiting, servant in
livery—and Sir Walter Raleigh,
resplendent in his silver armour,
gift of Her Majesty.

When Lady Penelope, Grey en-
tered from an inner room he caught
her arm and with elaborate courtesy
said, "I'll lay you a wager, my
lord, that you're rushing to the
window to see Essex arrive! Tell
me, what sort of a reception will he
get?"

"One that will little please you!"
"And one," he retorted, stung
by her manner, "that will please
you even less! So run, my lady!
Run quickly, lest you miss this
romantic fellow, who gives his
favourites so easily and so widely!"

Even as he spoke, his own men
came in, each wearing a shining
armour, precisely like his own!

They explained that it had been
presented to them as they came off
guard, and that they had been in-
structed to put it on at once!

In the midst of his fury and
amazement, Essex strode in.
"Greetings, Sir Walter!" he cried
gleefully, looking him up and down,
"By the Mass you're even more
splendid than I'd imagined!"

"I've borne enough from you,
my lord!" shouted Raleigh, whip-
ping out his blade.

The keen blades were crossing
as Bacon sprang forward and threw
them up with his poniard.

"Have you forgotten, Sir Walter,"
Bacon said with a faintly knowing
smile, "that Her Majesty awaits
my lord Essex!"

Down Under (Land of the Diggers) Wonders If It's Cosmopolitan

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to living.

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be misled by its abundant vitality,
its disregard of conventions and its
apparent acceptance of the speed of
modern life. On the surface Sydney
is a self-satisfied, bustling, modern
city, fully occupied with the present,
sure of its place in the world, and
driving ahead with that faith in the
future which is characteristic of a
young country. But if you accept
Sydney on trust on the strength of
its appearance you will be wrong.
Actually, Sydney is far from being
the confident, assured, rather strident
matron she appears. More she re-
sembles the debutante, busy with her
new freedom but uncertain of her
values, much concerned with cover-
ing up her origins and lack of real
experience, full of the strength of
fresh youth but squandering it.

Living here it is difficult not to
fall in love with this uneven, bright-
ly patterned southern metropolis.
sprawling about the waters of its
blue and tortuous harbour. Its
exuberance, its blue weather, and its
cheerful provincialism all have a
strong appeal. You get to like the
distorted streets, the prevalent feel-
ing that work is not all that sea-
son and cricket field and tennis court
are just waiting for you to whisk
away from the pretence of living, the
untroubled Australians, and the as-
sumption that the whole of this vast
continent really exists as a back-
ground to this vital town.

But before long you become aware
that the apparent untroubled with-
ness Sydney faces the world is
tempered by a real anxiety about the
attitude of her visitors. Do you
think Sydney is really metropolitan?
dwellers here want to know. What
is your opinion of her architecture,
her art galleries, her newspapers and
her magazines? Are the galleries au-
tently stocked with masterpieces?
Are they better than those of her
rival Melbourne? Do you detect a
distinctly Australian note in her
culture? And so on endlessly.

Look around and you will find ex-
ternal signs which explain why these
questions are so anxiously put to you
by the cultured "Sydneyers." You
will see the same anxious desire to
perambulate that you find in Cali-
fornia, on the other side of the
Pacific, the strings of automobiles
moving in solid and stolid procession

through the week-end hours, the
towering flats which leave you rather
astounded when you are told (as
you are so often) that Australians
love their homes to the point of liking
to stay in them while other nations
dash about; the same movies, the
foreign restaurants, the vessels from
a hundred far ports moving easily in
and out at the piers.

But you will also see some oddly
incongruous sights. You will find
that Friday nights the whole of the
vast and tropical suburbs of the city
seems to empty its contents into the
centre of the town. And since the
up-town district in Sydney is enor-
mously greater than its heart, the re-
sult is something akin to Main Street
parade in Gopher City. Maybe the
Thursday pay check accounts for this
phenomenon, but Friday finds all
Sydney parading the streets for the
sake of the parade. You will find
at the same time it is impossible to
get into the city's chief movie houses
these nights unless you make reser-
vation a week ahead. This is Syd-
ney's evening out.

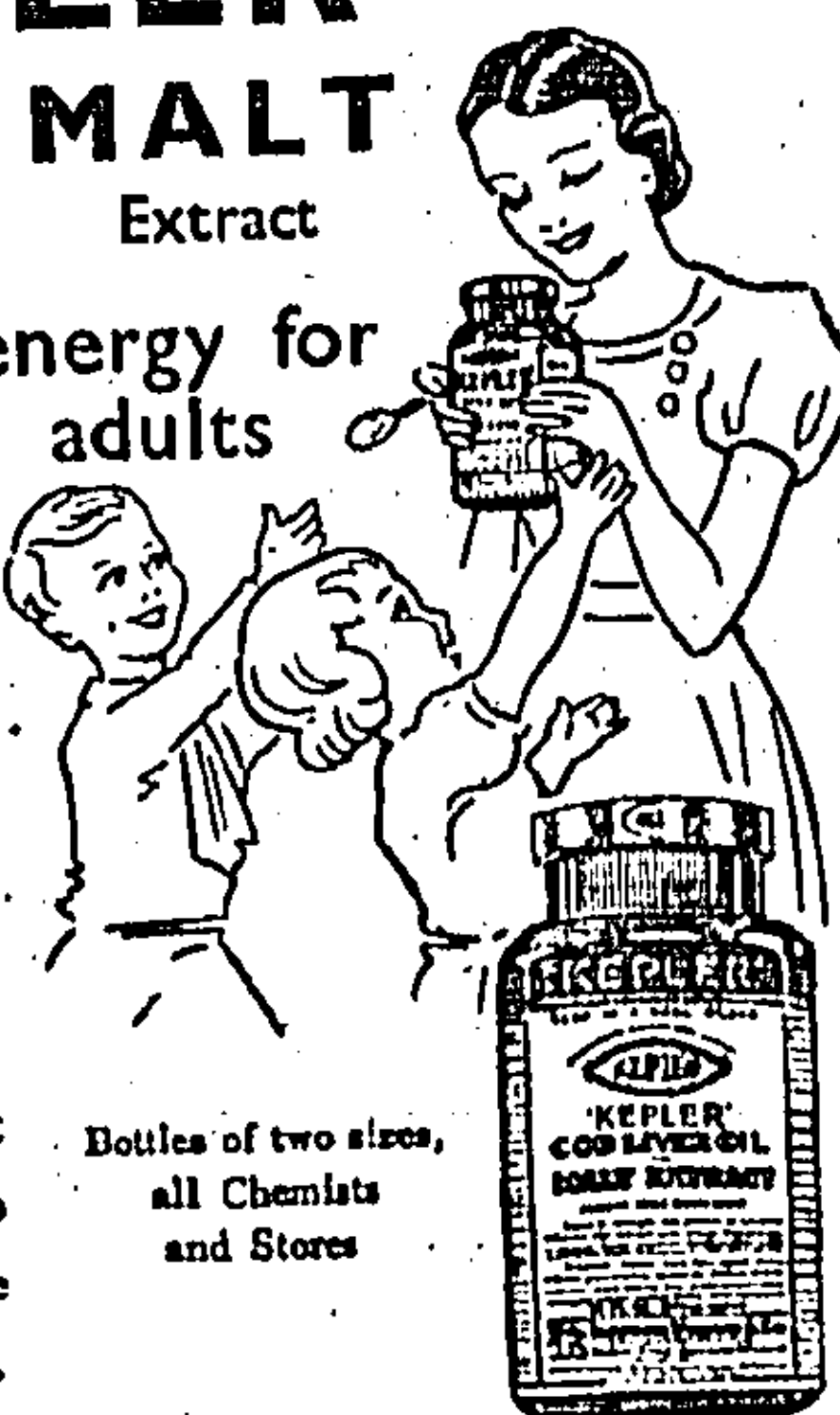
And Sundays you will find the
cosmopolitan atmosphere very much
absent. The Sabbath here has over-
tones of Victorian England; no shows,
no movies, few eating houses open.
The Australian will tell you he
stands midway between London and
San Francisco, that he is more laconic
and less well-dressed than the Lon-
doner, and less easy-going and more
conservative in his habits than the
men from the Golden Gate. He will
say he is cautious in his approach to
newspapers, lacking in high spirits
and without the art of self-advertise-
ment. These comments were printed
in a Sydney newspaper the other day
as true of the type. To the visitor
they are astonishing. He finds the
Australian communicative, prosper-
ous-looking, dressed in his own style
which precludes, almost as under-
standable, the striped pants and silk hats
of the Londoner, adventurous, and
full of gaiety. The observer will
also be impressed, above all things,
by the belief of the Australian in his
own country, and his acceptance of
the duty of revealing that belief to
the visitor. And the Sydney har-
bour, vast and unexpected and busy,
he finds one of the best playgrounds
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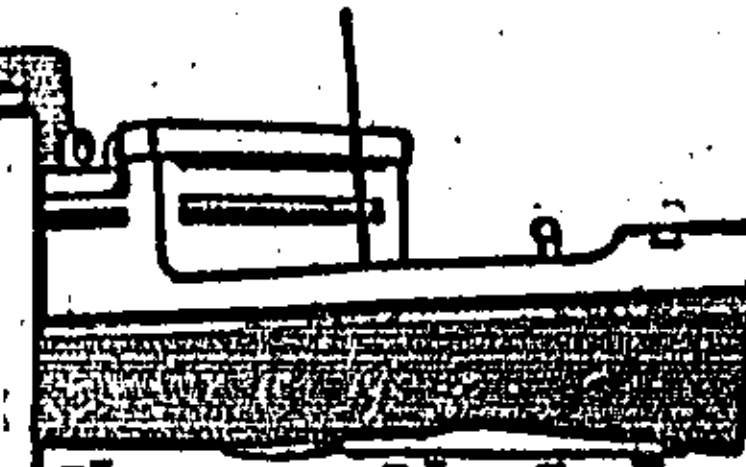
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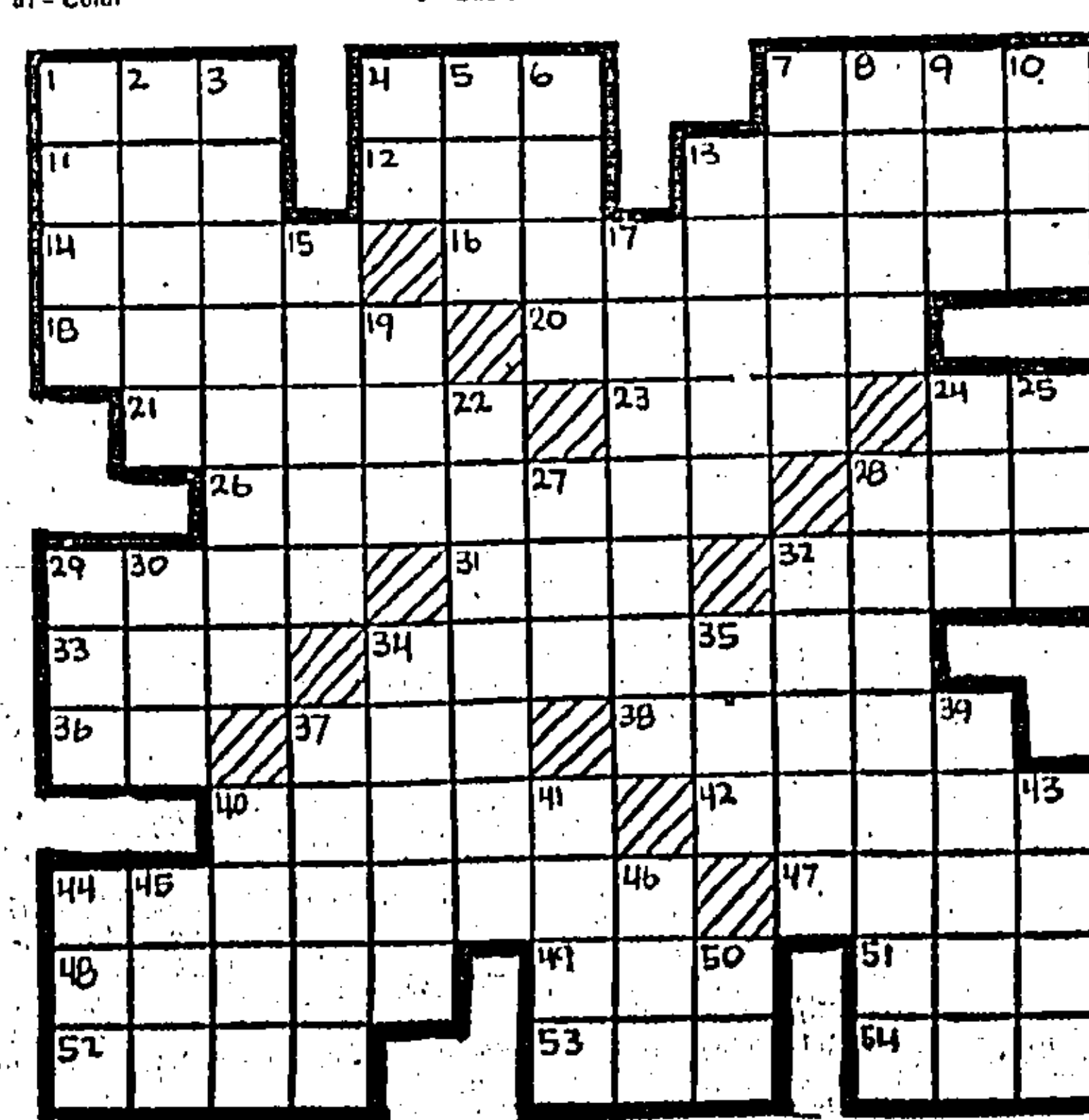
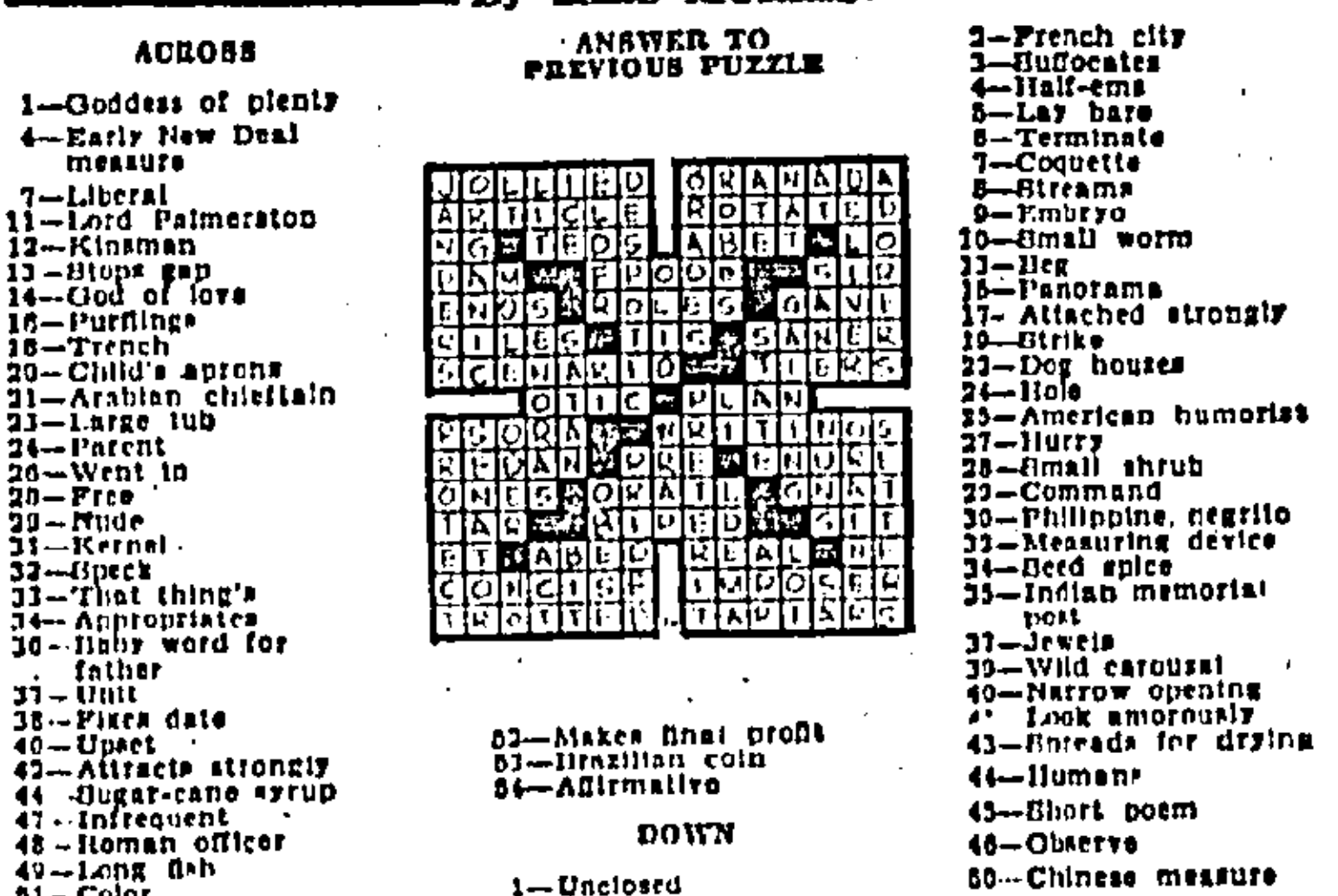
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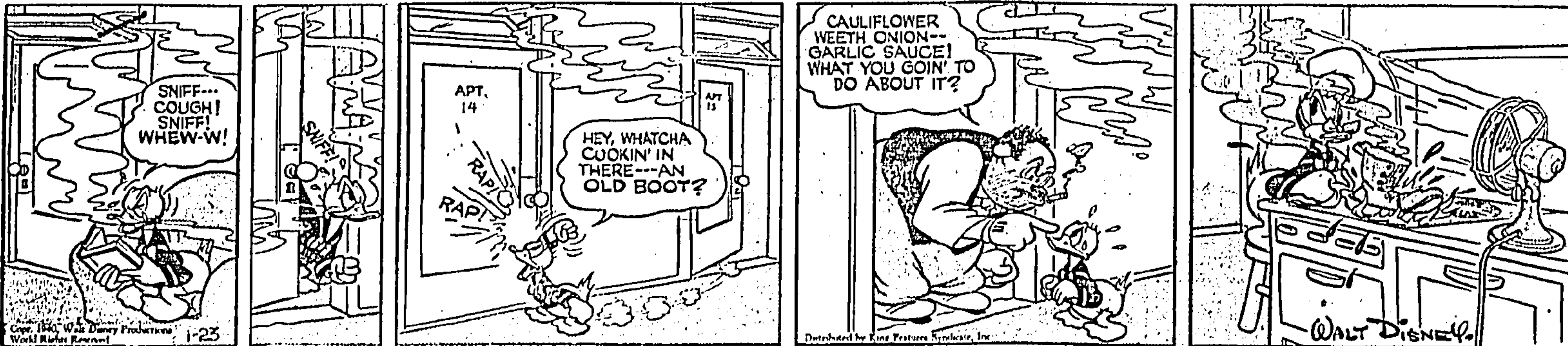
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"Them movies are the bunk, Junior—no white man ever got the best of an Indian!"

By REUEL S. MOORE
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, (UP).—The Royal Air Force feat of shooting down a German Heinkel HE 111 bomber on English territory recently revealed one of Germany's most valuable air secrets, this correspondent learned to-day.

The plane was equipped with "puncture-proof" fuel tanks.

Fuel tanks are one of the most vulnerable parts of a plane, as their size makes them good targets and they are difficult to protect with armour. A punctured fuel tank has the double hazard of fire and loss of fuel far from the base.

Britain has long wanted to know how to make practical puncture-proof tanks. They made such a tank years ago, but they were too heavy for ordinary use. Now they know how to make light ones, using the German formula.

The German tank contains no metal other than pipe connections and filling caps. Inside, there is something like a thin fibre suitcase braced with fibre ribs. This is covered with a layer of buckram to retain the gas if a bullet shatters the fibre. Next, there is a layer of natural raw rubber, one-eighth of an inch thick covered by a very thin layer of vulcanized rubber.

This container is placed inside a vulcanized rubber case which is slung in the wings with straps. Where the pipeline passes through the container, a special rubber cap has been placed. If gasoline starts to leak, this causes the rubber to swell until it fills the hole.

German Planes

The HE 111 and Dornier DO 17 are the types of German planes seen most frequently over Britain's waters. Only three German planes have actually been downed on British soil. Others have plunged into the sea nearby. From time to time, German fliers have been rescued off pneumatic boats or their bodies recovered in the North Sea.

Some have landed on neutral soil. The British are knocking down raiders crossing her coasts despite the puncture-proof tanks, but it is likely the score would be higher if the Germans did not possess this feature.

About 35 enemy planes have altogether been brought down by RAF fighters and anti-aircraft batteries over Britain and neighbouring waters. In contrast to the damage British bombers have done to German bombers, not one British fighting plane has been lost on the home front in numerous encounters.

The British say this speaks well for the principal defensive features of the British bombers and reconnaissance planes, namely the multi-gun turret. Conversely, the figures reflect but little credit on defensive armaments of German planes.

Although statistically the performance of the German bombers is creditable, the British say their bombing powers have not yet proved seriously destructive. The only casualties on British soil have been the now-famous rabbit and three sheep on the Shetland Islands.

Naval circles claim the Germans have scored only three hits on naval craft with bombs, and with no little irony—that their greatest success has been against unarmed fishing boats.

FRANCE BUILDING 465 m.p.h. BOMBERS

FIGHTER bombers capable of long flights at 465 miles an hour, fighters with a speed of 406 m.p.h., are now being turned out rapidly by the French Government air factory at Villacoublay, near Paris.

Output of military aircraft by France's nationalised aircraft factories is now immensely greater than it was on the outbreak of war, and American warplanes account for only a small proportion of France's front line air strength, according to official figures I have seen.

My informant said: "Already on active service we have one twin-engined fighter which we believe can beat the Messerschmitt 110."

£1,500 TO CHAUFFEUR

Among bequests made to his servants in the will of Mr. A. J. Coppinger, of Eaton-place, S.W., was £1,500 to his chauffeur, Leonard James Linsford. Mr. Coppinger left £181,147 (net personally).

THEIR MAJESTIES TOUR WEST ENGLAND



Their Majesties the King and Queen chatting to girls engaged in fabric covering during their recent tour of aircraft factories in west England.

Nancy Is Mrs. Batman No. 1

LORD GORT has never seen Mrs. Eileen Cox (Nancy to her family). But Lord Gort has her to thank for endless little comforts which make his life easier in France.

Nancy is the woman who looks after the man who looks after Lord Gort. Nancy (born Eileen Roberts twenty-seven years ago) has been Mrs. Edgar Mons Cox, and Mr. Cox, twenty-five-year-old R.A.S.C. corporal, is Lord Gort's batman. But her subtle influence on the living comforts of the Commander-in-Chief of the B.E.F. began long ago.

She made Corporal Cox happy in a score of little things to do with the niceties of housekeeping whenever he called at the flat she shares with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Price, in Hammer-smith. W. Corporal Cox remembered those attentions when he got his batman's job.

So it is due largely to Nancy that Lord Gort's blankets are tucked away in the bottom of his bed, that his dressing-gown is warmed, that his uniforms stay straight on their hangers.

He Can Cook Too

When Corporal Cox came home to be married last week the first thing Nancy handed him was a new pair of bedroom slippers.

Even in her hurried preparations to be married she found time to mend some of her sweetheart's socks and sew on a few buttons. He had not had time for those jobs himself. Before his leave the general's chef was taken ill, so Corporal Cox had to cook as well as do his usual housework and the "spit and polish."

Nancy had read of the cold in the French B.E.F. billets, and for the few nights that her sweetheart stayed at her sister's house she tucked a hot-water bottle in his bed for him.

For the Coxes there is little new about a war. Edgar was named Mons because of his father's lucky escape in that battle; Nancy's father was killed in action.

Edgar has been teaching her the subtler points of French cooking. He likes now to call soup "potage," and steak "Chateaubriand." She says they taste so good by the English names.

She will send him off at the end of their week's honeymoon in Dorset with his stripes and special proficiency badge sewed neatly on his overcoat. Instead of pinned, as they were when he arrived. She will send him off with some new ideas for Lord Gort's comfort. She will send him off looking forward to the day when she can be Mr. Cox's batman.

FIRING PRACTICE

Firing practice will be carried out between 6 p.m. and midnight to-day by the Royal artillery division. Firing area "A" will be affected.

MAURETANIA'S GUNS



A six-inch gun mounted on the stern of the new Cunard-White Star liner Mauretania.

The Woman Who Took A Chance

"IF I pleaded guilty will this gentleman be able to go?" asked Barbara Ericson, of Grosvenor Hotel, S.W., at Bow-street Police Court.

"I cannot answer that question," replied the magistrate, Mr. Dummett.

"I will take a chance. I will plead guilty," said the woman.

With her in the dock was Charles Goldie, aged 26, a private in the Royal Canadian Engineers.

Both were accused of the theft of a brooch worth £320 from a jeweller's shop in the Strand.

Goldie said he met Ericson in a public house. She said she was going to get a brooch as soon as she could get her cheque cashed.

"All the time I was with her I thought she was a Lady Someone because of the money she was throwing about all day," he added.

She was remanded in custody. The brooch was missed after Goldie and Ericson had left the shop.

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"All the time I was with her I thought she was a Lady Someone because of the money she was throwing about all day," he added.

The woman's name was given as Elizabeth Northey Rowley, divorced wife of Thomas Guy Dillon Rowley. Mrs. Rowley who is 28, lives at Lydwicke, Silfield, Essex.

MAILS FOR ENGLAND

Warning Against Use Of Siberian Route

Shanghai, Mar. 5. The office of the British Embassy here to-day issued a warning to all British nationals not to route their mail for England via Siberia unless they wanted the mail to fall into the hands of German censors.

"His Majesty's Embassy has been informed that letters from China to the United Kingdom have, on occasion, been opened by German censors. From enquiries which have been made it would seem that the letters in question are probably in mails sent via Siberia. Although such mails should not, in the present circumstances, pass through German territory there is always a danger that they may do so since they are no longer under the control of the Chinese postal authorities once they leave Chinese territory," the announcement said.

"Since the Siberian route is the route whereby mails for Europe are normally dispatched from China, His Majesty's Embassy desires to warn British subjects that any mail addressed to the United Kingdom which is not definitely marked to be sent by another route is liable to come into the hands of German censors."—United Press.

Divorced Couple To Remarry

NOTICE has been given that a couple whose marriage was dissolved are to marry each other again. Particulars at a London register office described the prospective bridegroom as Thomas Guy Dillon Rowley, formerly the husband of Elizabeth Northey Rowley, formerly Cumming, from whom he obtained a divorce.

FRENCH EXTEND LINES

By MILES HANDLER
("UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

WITH THE FRENCH FORCES IN THE FIELD. (UP).—Sporadic artillery fire, snow and an occasional day of freezing weather have not prevented the French army from building hundreds of reinforced concrete blockhouses.

Extensive works have been built between the Maginot Line forts everywhere along the Saar front in an effort to strengthen the entire French defensive system.

French officers furnished this correspondent with important facts concerning the nature and efficacy of enemy batteries.

Enemy guns usually remain silent during the day. Shelling begins rather timidly at dusk, gathering in volume and momentum during the night. There was plenty of evidence to substantiate claims French officers made during this writer's recent inspection.

On a visit to a plateau which had been intensively shelled by enemy batteries recently, and which is still subjected to intermittent fire, the correspondents counted many shell holes a considerable distance from the Maginot forts or the new blockhouses under construction.

On the other hand, French officers claimed their gunners had on occasion silenced enemy batteries which annoyed them. According to these officers, the French gunners can, with the assistance of adequate observation reports, destroy an enemy gun with ease.

Many Blockhouses

Intensive construction of fortifications is seen everywhere along the Saar front. This construction seems to bely the view of the French command that the Germans will ultimately launch an offensive against the Maginot line.

The blockhouses mentioned above are situated at relatively short intervals between the Maginot forts. In dangerous sectors, these blockhouses are within sight of each other at distances varying between one-half to one kilometre.

Each blockhouse is constructed with two apertures, each facing one fort so as to maintain continuous lateral cross-fire with a gunner from the nearest fort. Two gunners inside the blockhouse are equipped with light machineguns and telephone cables to the fort commanders. Being small objectives and of heavy reinforced concrete, the blockhouses are practically invulnerable to enemy artillery.

Powerful Forts

One of the fort commanders explained that the ultimate objective in his sector was to reduce the use of field infantry and hold the ground with small units of men armed with automatic weapons and stationed inside concrete fortifications.

One of the exposed positions visited by this correspondent is held by a few hundred men inside three extremely powerful forts, connected with tunnels 32 meters below the surface level. The commander of the sector is a brilliant young major, with five officers of equal rank under his order. From his post 32 meters below the surface, he can issue orders simultaneously or individually to three fort commanders. He is also connected by cable telephone to general headquarters.

In the lower Rhine sector this writer visited a blockhouse under construction a short distance from the river banks and within sight of the enemy. At some points, blockhouse are being built on top of dykes which command extensive areas.

At this particular sector on the Rhine, where the river narrows to a point so that French and German positions are separated only by the river banks and the water, this writer was able to obtain a direct view of the enemy casemates from a garret window of an abandoned house on the river banks.

Construction activity is seen everywhere within sight of the enemy. The occasional roaring of guns have definitely created a war psychology among the officers and men in contrast with the nearly normal peacetime atmosphere prevailing in the interior of France.

33 Men Adrift For Five Days

THIRTY-THREE men, crowded into a small boat with food for only 15, were adrift in the Atlantic for five days. Thirteen of them died.

One by one, the men who died were driven mad by hunger and thirst. In their frenzy they tried to bite themselves and their exhausted comrades.

Three times the men who were left alive had the bitterness of seeing a ship that might have rescued them sail away, apparently ignoring their signals.

This was the story of suffering told by some of the 20 survivors from the Greek ship Eleni Stathoulas (9,000 tons) at an Elre port.

"The second night adrift, two men died after first going mad," said Michael Ryan, an able seaman, of Tullabrack, Co. Limerick.

"Next morning two or three more were dead and we had to go through the ordeal of another hasty burial. Two or three more died on Wednesday and the last two died on Thursday morning."

Then three ships in quick succession passed without seeing their distress signals.

"I cannot help wondering how that latest ordeal did not send the remainder of us crazy," added Ryan.

"We had to sit on them." With tears in his eyes Chief Engineer Dimitrios Pungos described how his compatriots were driven insane. He said the second mate jumped in the sea.

"Then," he added, "another tried to bite himself before trying to bite the rest of us. It was the same with the whole thirteen."

"We had to pull them down and sit on them. I was frightened when I found one sailor sitting beside me had lost his speech. He put out his tongue to show how it had shrunk and then he died."

Captain Dimitrios Gradosos, skipper of the lost ship, wounded in head.

Sea Lions Allergic To Blue-Shirts

BOSTON (U.P.).—Three sea lions at Marine Park Aquarium go on a hunger strike every time an attendant in a blue shirt tries to feed them.

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An Orgy Of Lies

MANY people in this and neutral countries must be puzzled as well as astonished by the mad excesses of untruth in which the compounders of the Nazi war bulletins are at present indulging. Recently they have easily surpassed all their own previous best, or worst, efforts.

The campaign of lies has been conducted with clumsiness and recklessness that are bound to defeat themselves. Everyone remembers the notorious case of the Ark Royal. The Nazis' attempts to prove that she had been sunk were a serious blunder. The British Admiralty could easily produce the aircraft carrier; and her recent appearance in South African waters and in the South Atlantic gave fresh piquancy to this particular example of German mendacity.

Then there was the report that a heavy cruiser of the London class had been sunk by Commander Prien, the hero of Scapa Flow. The Nazis did not follow up this particular wild-goose with the determination they showed in the case of the Ark Royal. Still, these stories serve their fleeting purpose, which is the gulling of the credulous section of the German public until some other canard is produced to send them into fresh patriotic raptures.

Already neutral countries have begun to perceive clearly that nothing coming from the Nazi news machine can be believed. Like much else in Germany, it is ersatz. If, every time the Germans experience the misfortunes of war, there is to be an orgy of lying, Munchausen himself will be displaced from his hitherto unchallenged eminence by that other notorious Baron, the Great Hee-Haw of Hamburg, and Dr. Goebbels's other obedient mouthpieces. "To lie like a Nazi" will pass into a proverb.

BEWARE STALIN'S MEN

and the warning
comes from British Labour Party

"JOSEPH STALIN still has accomplices, paid and unpaid, in this country, where the truth is not hidden from them. Stalin's Men had at once changed their step and followed their Leader. Their old pamphlets, speeches, articles, and manifestos were consigned to their ample demagogic dustbins."

"They listened to the voice of Moscow, compared notes with Berlin, shouted that they wanted peace with Hitler, and joined the Unity Mitfords of the Right in a chorus of vituperation against the British and French 'war-mongers.'"

This is the official voice and warning of the British Labour Party in a 28-page booklet issued for distribution to all their members—booklet entitled "Finland. The criminal conspiracy of Stalin and Hitler."

No ordinary political pamphlet, this. Far from it. "A spade shall be called a spade," say its authors, and it is probable that nothing so strong in denunciation has ever before been issued by any responsible British political party.

"Blackmail And Brutality"

HERE are some examples of the phrases—justifiable phrases—employed:

The real depth of iniquity of M. Joseph Stalin is still unknown. His 30 pieces of silver are already stained with the blood of his own nameless and countless Russian dead.

M. Joseph Stalin and Herr Adolf Hitler embraced over the prostrate body of Poland.

Whether M. Joseph Stalin devours those whom he loves, whether he was under the hypnotic spell of Adolf the Conqueror or Peter the Great, or whether he was now the victim of new morbid anxieties, the reader is at liberty to speculate.

The Finns are the victims of a policy of deception, blackmail, trickery, cynicism, and brutality not dissimilar to the subtle cruelty of Japanese militarism, but exceeding in cunning and dissimulation the diplomacy of Russian Czarism and Nazi Germany.

"A new precedent in international perfidy" . . . "The grim joke of the Finnish People's Government" . . . "The Red Czar is now the executor of the traditional imperialism of Czarist Russia"—such phrases drip like vitriol from the pen.

And between them, interlarding a well-told narrative of the events which led up to the "rape of Finland"—and to what else yet to come?—there runs constantly the warning expressed so directly by quotation at the start of this article.

A New Slavery

A WARNING against "Stalin's A Men"—the description as a new title of shame is constantly repeated—a warning against Stalin's Men in our own land.

Mr. Harry Pollitt is named, that Mr. Harry Pollitt who is now Communist candidate in the Silvertown by-election.

Of him this pamphlet notes that among the birthday congratulations sent to Stalin and published in the Soviet newspaper Pravda on December 24 last appeared a message from Mr. Harry Pollitt among "a torrent of congratulations."

A second list, this record adds, appeared under the heading "Greetings" from the Central Committee of 11 Communist Parties, including the British. "The texts are not printed. M. Joseph Stalin has a new sense of relative values."

Listen, too, to this: Stalin's apologists defend tyranny either because they do not know, or those who know refuse to tell, that Fascism and Bolshevism have identical political systems. The Russian Communist Party is no longer even the semblance of a Party.

Even now these emissaries of a foreign despotism refuse to see through the disguise of the Red Czar, who has used a new social and political system to invent a new kind of slavery for the Russian people.

Well, the leaders of the Labour Party ought to know. For years they have fought a successful running fight against the insidious instruction of Communists into their official ranks.

Less Than A Year Ago

STALIN'S division of spoils with Hitler, the faithful copy of Nazi methods of propaganda, the pretence of provocation as an excuse for war, the presentation of impossible demands, the pretence of "liberation"—all of the vile technique is revealed by the booklet with the bitter incisiveness of completed truth.

But what, after all, could be more mordant now than the quotation, in the preface, of a speech made by

Stalin so short a time ago as March of last year, when he said:

"We stand for peaceful, close and friendly relations with all the neighbouring countries which have common frontiers with the U.S.S.R."

And so to the blood bath of the Mannerheim Line.

Certainly a document that everyone should read. Those to whom it is not distributed (as members of the Labour Party) can obtain a copy

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John Crofton

And then they'll go
back to sea again

YOU will soon see them on the news reels, seven or eight young fellows in clothes that don't quite fit, and you will hear them say 'how nice it is to be a sailor home from the sea.'

Those won't be hackneyed sentiments, for they come from men who for three months or more have been battered down under iron hatches with 300 other British seamen in the Nazi prison ship Altmärk.

Four days ago, unwashed and unshaven, wearing tattered and torn clothes that had survived hours in open boats, days or weeks in the Graf Spee, and the Horrible Hundred Days in the Altmärk, they were without hope of wash, shave, new clothes, or a square meal—much less their freedom.

Then the Navy arrived . . . but you know all that.

Now you see them transformed, washed, shaved, in new clothes, having had a square meal, and talking at their freedom into a British Movietone microphone at a Sailors' Home in the East End.

"We are made to feel like Hollywood film stars," grins Taffy Jenkins, of the Doric Star and the Queen's Hotel, Carmarthen.

Who has earned the tribute? The Altmärk's prisoners owe their rescue to the Navy, but credit for their present newly groomed and well-fed condition goes to organisations whose work for survivors of torpedoed and mined British merchantmen has cost them some £50,000 since the war began.

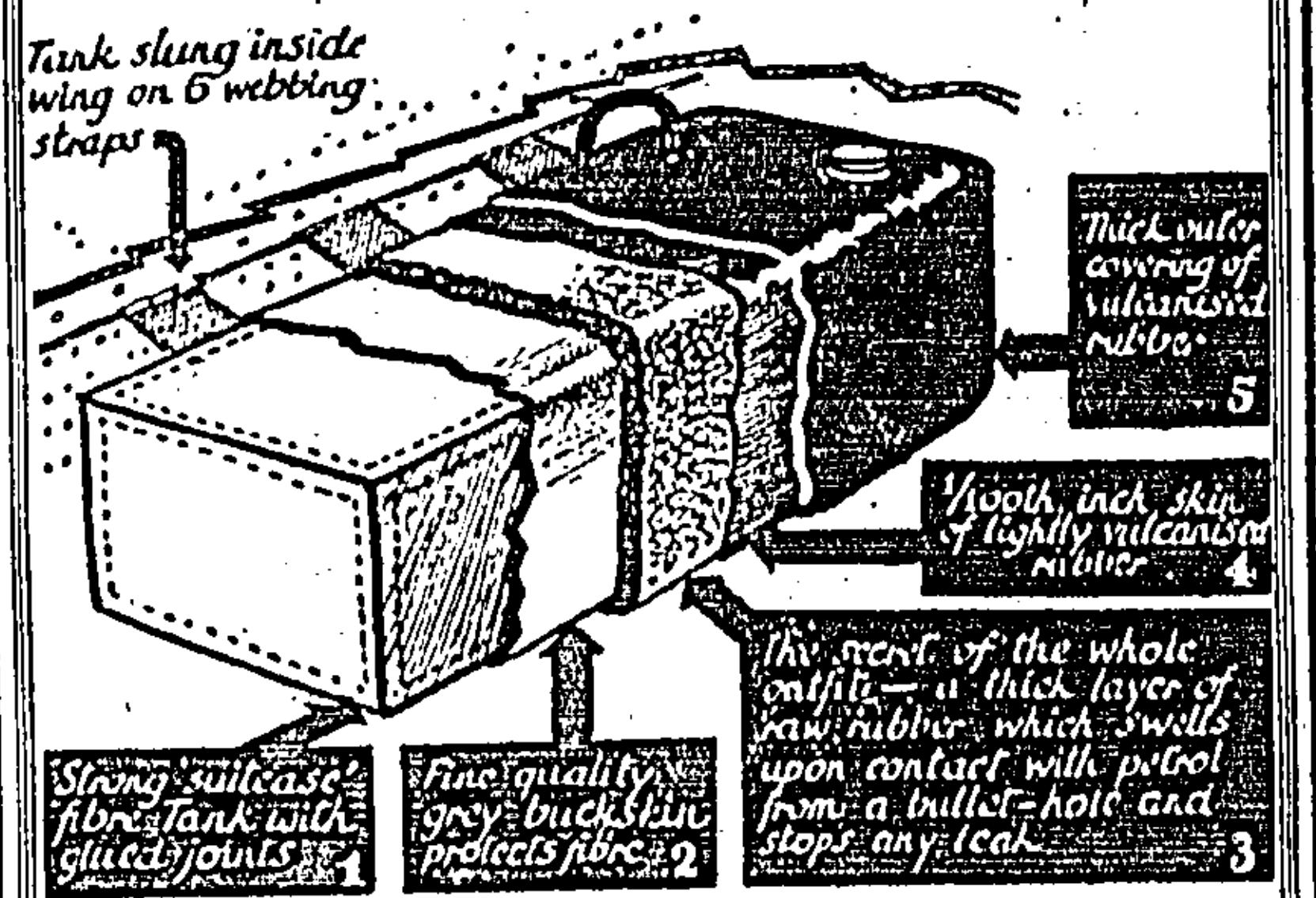
Food And Clothes

ONE of these organisations is the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society. Others include the British Sailors' Society and the Sailors' Home and Red Ensign Club.

When the men from the Altmärk were landed at Leth they were met by agents of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society. These agents provided the men, first of all with clothing, then arranged for their hospitality or supplied them with railway warrants and money to get home.

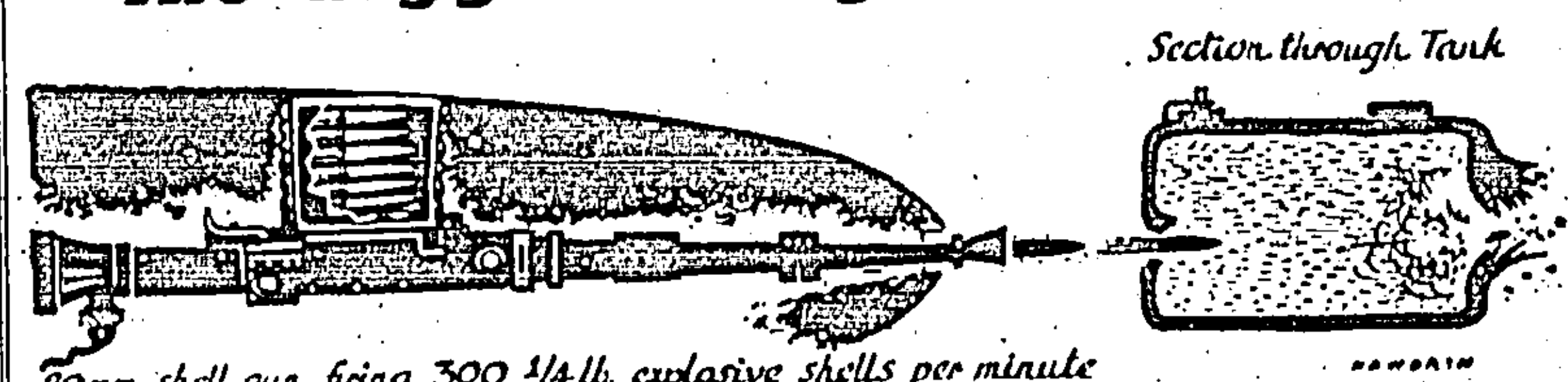
London offered a "home-coming" to those who for one reason or other

The tougher the warplane's petrol tank—



STRONGER attack; stronger defence—the race goes on at break-neck speed. In the great battle of the air someone invents a bullet-proof petrol tank. It is fitted as the latest development in British and German planes. It's a grand idea, five layers thick, and slung like a man in a hammock on webbing straps inside the plane's wings. If the attack is so fierce that a bullet does drive its way through, then the hole automatically seals itself (Caption 3).—Messerchmitt, Dornier, Heinkel. But the self-sealing tank inventor doesn't get away with it for long. Up comes a man with an aeroplane gun that can fire 300 1/4 lb. explosive shells a minute. Bang goes your machine-gun-bullet-proof petrol tank. These shell guns are the biggest, newest thing in aircraft armament. They have twice the range of most machine-guns, but they weigh more and have a heavy recoil, so it's not every plane that can stand the strain. Germany uses them in her Messerschmitts, Dorniers, Heinkels. Britain, of course, has them too.

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Sailors Form Human Chain To Save Man Frozen To A Raft HORRORS OF THE DOMALA TRAGEDY

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—An interview with Chief Officer Brown of the British India ship Domala was broadcast from Davenport yesterday.

Just before 6 p.m. on Saturday, he said, the Domala was steaming along. It was fairly dark but there was a certain amount of light from the waning moon.

He was the Officer-in-charge at the time with the Captain on the bridge.

They were sailing along in fairly rough water when they saw a big black plane coming towards them, flying very low.

Its navigation lights led them to think it was friendly but that was just trickery.

The plane swooped past their masts and disappeared dropping no bombs and firing no guns.

Hit Amidships

They were just thinking that they were safe when the machine roared back and dropped a high explosive incendiary bomb which hit amidships, went through the deck and exploded in the engine room sending smoke fumes all over the ship.

Flames soon started to spring up. The Captain gave the order to abandon ship.

Part of the crew ran to man the anti-aircraft gun but before they could do anything the plane came back overhead and while some of the crew were trying to get away in boats, two more bombs were dropped amidships.

The whole of the middle of the ship was blazing and roaring like an inferno.

Machine-Gunned

As the plane came back for the fourth time, the anti-aircraft gun opened fire and the fourth bomb fell harmlessly into the water.

As the plane roared overhead it raked the decks with machine-gun bullets as it tried to kill the anti-aircraft gun crew and then disappeared.

A destroyer came to the rescue together with a Dutch ship.

"You can make all the fuss you can about those naval chaps," said Mr. Brown, "they were simply drunk. People like me have them to thank for being alive."

The destroyer first picked up the men in boats and on rafts. Mr. Brown said that he was at the stern with some of the passengers and members of the crew.

The destroyer tried to come alongside twice so that they could leap on board but the heavy swell made this operation difficult. They had to resort to life lines fired from the warship.

Engineer's Incredible Pluck

He had a special word of praise for an engineer who was hurt in the first explosion. By some means this man crawled through the shaft tunnel and up the perpendicular ladder.

Twice the crew of the whaler tried to get across to him but failed owing to the heavy seas.

Finally they tied a life-line to him and fixed a life belt around him and let him gently down into the water. The poor fellow could not stand the additional strain of the bitterly cold water.

An R.A.F. plane helped the destroyer to save another member of the crew, a young cadet who was on his first trip.

The lad was the only survivor of six men who were on a raft.

The Navy Way

The planes spotted him and guided the destroyer to the raft to which he was literally frozen. The only way to get him off was by a method adopted by the Navy.

Several men formed a human chain over the side of the destroyer until one man was able to grab him and wrench his hands free from the raft and drag him on board.

Indian Indignation

BOMBAY, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Details of the attack on the B.I. liner Domala have been prominently displayed in Indian papers, and the headlines reflect the horror and indignation felt at the outrage, which has claimed a heavy toll of Indian lives.

The "Bombay Chronicle," organ of the Indian National Congress, says: "The Nazis have gone mad. They have lost all sense of reason and all instincts of humanity."

The newspaper considers that the brutality of the German airman was accentuated by the fact that the Indian victims were those whom the Germans had held prisoners since the outbreak of war but had consented to repatriate.

The "Lahore Tribune" says: "The reports of butchery done by the Germans have created a wave of anger in India. India will not forget this act of Nazi brutality."

NEWFOUNDLAND VOLUNTEERS

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Anthony Eden said that following an exchange of views with the British Government, the Government of Newfoundland recently called for volunteers. They called for 1,500 men for service with the Royal Artillery.

The men will be trained in the United Kingdom and will be posted as soon as possible.

A call for recruits had met with the most enthusiastic response, Mr. Eden said.

Britain Carries Threat Into Effect ITALIAN SHIPS DETAINED WITH GERMAN COAL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, MARCH 5 (UP).—DESPITE ITALIAN PROTESTS, GREAT BRITAIN HAS PUT INTO EFFECT HER DECISION NOT TO PERMIT GERMAN COAL TO BE CARRIED TO ITALY.

The Minister for Economic Warfare, Mr. Ronald Cross, revealed in the House of Commons to-day that two Italian vessels on route from Rotterdam to Genoa have been detained.

The Italian vessels concerned are the 8,631-ton Orata and the 5,968-ton Laosso.

It is understood that the Orata arrived at the Control Base at 1 p.m. and the Laosso a few hours later.

Other Italian vessels are expected to arrive to-day and to-morrow.

ITALY "SURPRISED"

A Rome message states that the seizures have surprised official circles, despite the fact that Britain had warned Italy that contraband control would be extended to German coal as from March 1.

Fascist circles state that the seizures will greatly aggravate existing relations between Italy and Britain.

A Rome message claims that the two vessels were loaded at Rotterdam before March 1, but were unable to sail owing to adverse weather conditions. For this reason it had been believed in Rome that they at least would have been exempt from British contraband regulations.

Authoritative circles in Rome state that the incident might lead to "grave developments."

In announcing the detention of the two Italian ships, Mr. Ronald Cross reiterated the warning that any German coal exported via Rotterdam to Italy would be liable to seizure, and ships carrying such coal would be liable to detention as a prize in accordance with the amplified British contraband regulations.

"German coal exports to Italy have now ceased," the Minister stated.

Vatican Intercedes

It is authoritatively stated in Vatican City circles that the Holy See has informed the Italian Government that Vatican diplomats are at Italy's disposal to resolve the Anglo-Italian coal dispute amicably in line with the policy of keeping Italy out of the present conflict.

It is understood that His Holiness the Pope has also telegraphed Cardinal Hinsley, the Archbishop of Westminster, and Monsignor William Godfrey, the Apostolic Delegate to London, asking them to co-operate to their fullest in the Vatican's attempt to bring about a quick rapprochement.

Supplies Have Ceased

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—"Any ships which now sail as neutral vessels carrying German coal from Rotterdam are detained and already to-day two vessels have been detained," stated Mr. Ronald Cross, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

Asked further whether German coal was being exported in Italian vessels from Rotterdam to Italy, Mr. Cross stated: "That has not ceased."

Just A Great Big Bully

THE HAGUE, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Another attempt to persuade neutrals that Britain is just a great big bully has been made by the German Legation here which replied to the British statement made recently on neutrals.

The neutrals say the German Legation are being intimidated by Britain.

It is not in keeping with neutrality to conform to the demands of enemy Powers, concluded the German Legation.

Four More Ships On Way

ROTTERDAM, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Four more Italian colliers laden with German coal for Italy left here to-day. Six others are still in the harbour.

Talks Suspended

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Mar. 5 (UP).—It is announced that the Anglo-Italian economic talks to be held in Rome have been suspended, unofficial contacts are continuing.

More Ships Arrive

LONDON, Mar. 5 (UP).—A total of five Italian steamers have now arrived at the British Contraband Control Base in the Downs.

Britain has dealt the hardest blow aimed at any neutral Power since she adopted the policy of reprisals against German exports last December.

Germany sends Italy about 9,000,000 tons of coal annually. About two-thirds are transported by sea routes.

Four more Italian coal ships left Rotterdam to-day in addition to the six which left over the week-end.

Badminton Singles Result

F. S. BUN entered the second round of the Colony men's senior singles badminton championship when he beat H. B. Teoh by 15-3, 15-9 on the University courts recently.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

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| T.T. London | 1/2 1/2 |
| Demand do. | 1/2 1/2 |
| T.T. Shanghai | 350 |
| T.T. Singapore | 52 1/2 |
| T.T. Japan | 102 |
| T.T. India | 82 1/2 |
| T.T. U.S.A. | 24 |
| T.T. Manila | 48 |
| T.T. Batavia | 44 1/2 |
| T.T. Bangkok | 150 1/2 |
| T.T. Saigon | 100 1/2 |
| T.T. France | 10 1/2 |
| T.T. Switzerland | 106 |
| T.T. Australia | 170 1/2 |

BUYING

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|---------------------------|----------|
| 4 m/s L/C London | 1/3 1/2 |
| 4 m/s D/P do. | 1/3 1/2 |
| 4 m/s L/C U.S.A. | 24 1/2 |
| 4 m/s France | 11 1/2 |
| 30 d/s India | 11 1/2 |
| U.S. Cross rate in London | 4.02 1/2 |
| U.S. Cross rate in N.Y. | 3.00 1/2 |

LETTERS

Taiipo Rural Orphanage

To the Editor, "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir—I shall be grateful if you will allow me to express, through your paper, to all those who took the trouble and the time to come to the Taiipo Rural Orphanage last Saturday, the delighted gratitude of the Committee.

We had expected perhaps fifty friends to come. There were nearly five times that number.

Though we have reached our first century (with 52 boys and 48 girls), we are still feeling our way. We ask our friends to forgive our many obvious imperfections. With their help and counsel we hope to grow steadily in numbers, imagination and efficiency.

RONALD HONGKONG.

Kowloon Beggars

Sir—Could not the Police take some action to round up the increasing number of beggars, most of whom are suffering from malformations or disease, who are clustering around the bus stops in Kowloon.

These people rely upon the fact that intending passengers must wait at the bus stops for the arrival of the buses and descend in a veritable swarm the minute anyone arrives.

They are particularly bad in Nathan Road at the bus stop near the Austin Road Junction, and also at several bus stops in Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.

Apart from the fact that something should be done to care for these unfortunate people, their presence on the streets is not a good advertisement for Hongkong, and particularly for Kowloon. I can hardly conceive that the police would permit these people to operate on the bus or tram stops in the mid-level or Peak areas on the island, so why in Kowloon?

PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

No Burma Oil For China

Repayment Scheme In Operation

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, Secretary for Mines, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, said that no oil products had been sold by the Burma Oil Company to China, and that no such sales were contemplated.

The Burma Oil Company, on behalf of other companies, not producers of oil, in India and Burma have made available certain supplies to China on the understanding that equivalent supplies are simultaneously repaid at a port in Burma or India.

No question has, therefore, arisen of supplying China at the expense of Burma or India, and the effect on exchange is exactly the same as if imported supplies are sent direct to China.

Anglo-French Trade Talks

Delegates Welcomed At Opening

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—British and French trade talks, sponsored by the Federation of Lord Dunsley Gordon, President-Elect of the Federation, welcomed visiting delegates, including the heads of a wide group of French industries including coal, chemicals, wool, cotton, metals and engineering.

Lord Dunsley Gordon, in his speech said that it would be the purpose of the discussions to see where and how Anglo-French industries could best co-operate.

Such collaboration would serve not only to hasten success in the struggle but after the war would make a valuable contribution to the establishment of a stable and enduring peace.



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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

| BANKS | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) | 1,405 ss. |
| H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) | 92 1/2 n. |
| Chartered | 8 1/2 n. |
| Mercantile, A. & B. | 3 1/4 n. |
| Mercantile, C. | 12 1/4 n. |
| East Asia | 77 n. |
| INSURANCES | |
| Canton | 227 1/2 b. |
| Union | 400 b. |
| China Underwriters | 1 n. |
| H.K. Fire | 185 b. |
| SHIPPING | |
| Douglases | 115 b. |
| Steamboats | 10 1/2 n. |
| Indo-China P.S. | 100 n. |
| Indo-China D.S. | 80 n. |
| Shell (Bearers) s/- | 80/- |
| Waterbols | 7 1/2 n. |
| DOCKS ETC. | |
| Wharves | 103 1/2 n. |
| Docks | 23 ss. |
| Providents | 520 n. |
| Sh. Docks Sh. s/- | 39 1/2 n. |
| MINING | |
| Kallian s/- | 18 n. |
| Raubas | 10 n. |
| Venz | 4 n. |
| H.K. Mines | 4 cts. ss. |
| LANDS | |
| Hotels | 570 n. |
| Lands | 30 1/2 ss. |
| Lands 4% Debentures | 100 n. |
| Shal Lands Sh. | 15 1/2 n. |
| Humphreys | 7 1/2 n. |
| H.K. Rentals | 5 n. |
| Chinese Estates | 105 n. |
| UTILITIES | |
| Trams | 18 1/2 ss. |
| Peak Trams (old) | 8 n. |
| Peak Trams (new) | 4 n. |
| Star Ferries | 97 ss. |
| Y. Ferries | 8 n. |
| China Lights (old) | 8 n. |
| China Lights (new) | 5 1/2 ss. |
| H.K. Electric | 67 1/2 ss. |
| Macao Electric | 22 n. |
| Sandakan Lights | 11 1/2 n. |
| Telephones (old) | 20 1/2 n. |
| Telephones (new) | 11 1/2 ss. |
| Traction s/- | C.D. 21 1/2 n. |
| Traction (Pref.) s/- | 23 1/2 n. |
| INDUSTRIALS | |
| Cald. Macg. (Ord.) | Sh. \$14.00 n. |
| Cald. Macg. (Pref.) | Sh. \$12 n. |
| Canton Ice | 1 n. |
| Cements | 10 1/2 ss. |
| H.K. Ropes | 6 1/2 n. |
| STORES | |
| Dairy Farms (old) | 23 ss. |
| Dairy Farms (new) | 22 ss. |
| Watsons | 70 n. |
| Lane, Crawfords | 7 1/2 n. |
| Sinceres | 1 1/2 n. |
| Wing On (H.K.) | 41 n. |
| Powell, Ltd. | 1 n. |
| COTTON MILLS | |
| Ewo Sh. | 40 n. |
| Shai Cotton Sh. | 170 n. |
| Zong Sing Sh. | 63 n. |
| Wing On Textiles | 40 1/2 n. |
| MISC. | |
| H.K. Entertainments | 740 b. |
| Constructions (old) | 1 1/2 n. |
| Constructions (new) | 1 n. |
| Vibro Piling | 8 1/2 n. |
| Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 | 91 1/2 n. |
| G. Bonds | 100 1/2 n. |
| H.K. Govt. 4% Loan | 100 1/2 n. |

BRITISH TANKER SILENT

NEW YORK, Mar. 5 (UP).—The British tanker El Cervo (5,841 tons) has been silent since she reported yesterday that she was being chased by a submarine 1,700 miles east of Havana—outside the Pan American safety zone.

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan ... 95 1/2 ss. Marsmans (Lon.) s/- ... 14 1/2 n. Marsmans (H.K.) s/- ... 4/- n.

HOW TO SHORTEN CONVALESCENCE

A long convalescence is tedious and tiring to both doctor and patient. After many operations and illnesses, digestion is affected and impaired, yet it is necessary to eat well to regain your strength quickly.

The trouble is that the very thought of food is often repulsive. Doctors have found that Horlicks is generally liked by the patient and that it is very quickly digested, and absorbed. Horlicks "quickly" pours new strength and vigour into your exhausted body. Your convalescence is shortened. Soon you feel full of life again. Keep Horlicks always ready at home.

Around The Courses NAVAL DOCKYARD SCORES AGAIN

A.E. Davies Wins Captain's Cup Competition At Kowloon G.C. BRILLIANT RECORD FOR PORTSMOUTH PLAYER

(By "Birdie")

THE ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD is particularly fortunate in its golfers this year. What J. T. Smith has done at Fanling, A. E. Davies is doing at Kowloon, for since last writing of this latter player, when he annexed the Kowloon G.C. Club Championship from R. K. Collings, after turning four down, he has won the Captain's Cup. The final for this trophy was played on Sunday afternoon, and he beat T. Lamb (9) by 4 and 3.

This is the first occasion at Kowloon on which a player has won both the Club Championship and the Captain's Cup in the same year. In his possession now are the Coogan Cup (1939), the Junior Championship (1939), the St. John of Jerusalem Trophy, the Visitor's Cup at Fanling, the Club Championship and the Captain's Cup.

Davies is a Chief Physical Training Instructor in the Royal Naval Dockyard, and his home club is Portsmouth.

On Sunday, Davies won the first hole with a bogey four, Lamb having driven into a bunker to the right, and having put his approach shot into the flanking nullah. The 2nd was halved in four's.

The 3rd was also halved. Davies conceded a stroke here, but Lamb was unfortunate to be stymied when three yards from the pin.

At the 4th, Davies put his spoon shot two yards from the pin, and sank for a birdie 2. Lamb hooked his drive into a bad spot, and became two down. The 5th was halved in 4's.

Davies won the 6th in 3. He put his tee shot three yards from the pin. Lamb was off the green to the right, and was slightly too strong with his chip shot and failed to go down in three. The 7th was halved in 4's.

At the 8th, Davies became 4 up. Lamb was short with his approach, but laid a beautiful chip shot dead. Davies was near the edge for 2, but sank an extraordinary putt for a birdie three.

Lamb took the 9th with a perfect 4. Davies drove into the bunker to the right of the green, exploded over and went down in five.

Thus at the turn, Davies was 3 up, having gone round in bogey figures of 34.

THE second nine commenced like the first nine. Davies won the hole, but this time with a birdie 3. Lamb hooked his drive and failed to recover.

The 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th holes were halved, and the end came at the 15th.

WHILE it has never been advocated that sport and

SPORTS ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 6th March, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21202).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00, including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
G. B. BROWN, Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.



A. E. Davies, Royal Naval Dockyard P. T. Instructor, who has had an extraordinarily successful year in the competitions at the Kowloon G.C.

Dates For Walker Cup Matches Reserved

The biennial Walker Cup matches with Great Britain still are booked for Aug. 30-31 at the Town and Country Club, St. Paul.

The U. S. C. A. has submitted the customary invitation to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, but as yet the latter neither has accepted nor declined the invitation.

politics should mix, American golfers have taken to the idea of the "Help Finland" movement, which is in progress in the States, and Frank Strafaci, one of the leading amateurs over there, has suggested that an amateur team, captained by Bobby Jones, should play the honorary Ryder Cup team which was chosen by the P.G.A. after the matches with England were cancelled last year.

Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen would act as captains of the professionals, and the whole proceeds would be directed to Finland.

Strafaci suggests that the match be held at the Augusta Course, Georgia, where the Masters Tournament is played, and that it should be held on April 2 and 3—two days before the Masters Tournament begins.

The amateur team proposed (besides Bobby Jones) are Ray Billowa (twice runner-up in the National Amateur), Bud Ward (present amateur champion), Wilford Wehrle, Art Doering, Willie Turnesa (1938 amateur champion), Dick Chapman, Johnny Goodman and Johnny Fischer (former champions) and Charles Yates (former British Amateur champion).

It only remains for the amateur golf authorities to give their sanction.

WHEN the Nazis marched into Austria, they pushed Hans Swinton, well-known golfer, over to Canada, where he is now at the University of Columbia. Swinton is a friend of Henry Cotton, and still retains his membership of St. Andrew's.

In 1936, Swinton reached the semi-finals of the Hungarian Amateur; in 1937 he was runner-up in the Czech-Slovakian Championship, and took third place in the Australian Amateur.

FOREIGNERS, in future, wishing to compete in the United States Open or Amateur Championships will, as a general rule, be required to compete in the Sectional Qualifying rounds, although exceptions may be made in certain circumstances. This was a ruling made by the U.S.G.A. at the recent annual meeting, when Mr. H. W. Pierce was elected President in succession to Mr. A. M. Reid.

This decision, it is reported, was reached because the premium on places is so high that the Committee wish to make as many places as possible available to the large field of United States entrants.

RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS AT SHEUNGSHIU

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP and the Captain's Cup Competition of the Country Club, Sheungshiu, are nearing an end—the semi-finals having been played; the Foursomes Competition was won by F. E. A. Remedios and W. C. Hung, and the Mixed Foursomes is the only remaining tournament to be concluded. First round matches in the latter were played on Sunday last.

The results of the Club Championship semi-finals were:
A. A. Lopes beat H. Kew 2 up.
E. Sadick beat C. H. Suen 5 and 4.

Captain's Cup
The results of the Captain's Cup semi-finals were:
S. Y. Gittins (14) beat Geo. Lee (18) 3 and 2.
M. F. de Pinna (18) beat E. J. M. Churn (19) by 3 and 2.

Foursomes
The final of the Foursomes:
F. E. A. Remedios and W. C. Hung beat T. Y. C. Lee and P. K. Tyau 1 up.

Mixed Foursomes
First round matches in the Mixed Foursomes were:
Miss L. G. Ablong and C. H. Suen beat Miss E. Ford and S. V. Gittins 4 and 3.
Miss M. C. Churn and A. W. Ramsey beat Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Basto 5 and 4.
Mrs. A. J. Kew and T. Y. C. Lee beat Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee 2 up.
Miss Sequela and P. K. Tyau beat Miss A. Roza and E. J. M. Churn 3 and 2.
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios received a walk-over from Miss M. Mooney and C. Kew.
Miss L. Hwang and Geo. Lee beat Miss Mabel Churn and A. T. Lee 4 and 3.

Tennis Singles Tournament

Tsui Yun-pui Defeats T. J. Gould 6-4, 6-3
(By "Tinker")

ONLY TWO MATCHES in the Colony Open Tennis Championships were played at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday, both being singles. Tsui Yun-pui entered the second round at the expense of T. J. Gould, whom he beat 6-4, 6-3, and A. R. Kitchell beat Y. H. Ho 6-4, 6-2.

Though Tsui was not fully extended, Gould provided opposition that kept the spectators interested. He concentrated on Tsui's backhand, which is not the latter's weakness, and on one particular occasion Gould was left standing with a sizzling cross-court backhand. It was in rare shots like these that Tsui gave glimpses of true form.

Gould was not hopelessly outclassed. He served accurately and well. He tried hard to manoeuvre his opponent around, and on a couple of occasions succeeded in slipping side-line shots past the Chinese player for winners.

Tsui led in the first set right from the beginning, and though Gould crept up to 4-5, the succeeding game ended the set.

In the second set, Tsui was led 2-1 and then 3-1, but jumped into form and put over some very fine cross-court drives that took him to the lead at 4-3. He increased it to 6-3, and in the last game was leading 4-15 but could not end the set until duces had been called once.

To-day's programme is:

OPEN SINGLES
Pang Oi-lam v. Lee Hui-kek.
S. A. Hussain v. Chan Kwong-lu.
T. A. Pearce v. Wong Hok-nang.
Marsland M. v. E. Zulaut.
Kwok Hing-chung v. O. Namjahn.
Bew Louie v. O. Umestani.

OPEN DOUBLES
E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. A. Chan and J. Hsu.

CLUB SINGLES
J. S. Theobald v. V. R. Gordon.



Mrs. Glenda Collett-Vare, famed American golfer, seems quite pleased with the drive she has just sent down the fairway.

FOOTBALL REFEREES RAISING MONEY FOR CLUBHOUSE

THE PUBLICATION of a bi-monthly magazine during the next football season in order to raise funds for a clubhouse was decided upon at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Referees' Association last night.

Disappointment was expressed by the Chairman, Mr. D. M. Mitchell, at the refusal of the League Management Committee to grant permission for a match between the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation and the Rest of the Colony on March 13 in aid of the Association because of the congestion of fixtures. He hoped the game could be played at the beginning of next season.

TALK ON REFEREEING
AN INTERESTING talk on refereeing in the English Football League was given by Mr. H. S. Stokes.

Referees for the first and second divisions, he said, received a fee of three guineas while those for the third were paid two guineas, besides travelling expenses. In the case of linesmen, those for the first and second divisions were each paid one and half guineas, while those for the third received one guinea. About 60 per cent. of the referees were either schoolmasters or commercial travellers.

PROMOTION HARD
THERE WERE 50 referees in the League with 30 supplementary ones, while the number of linesmen was approximately 300. Before one could be a linesman he must be a class 1 referee of his County or Service Association. The ways to promotion to supplementary referee and, if lucky, perhaps later to referee, were hard and stormy and only very few even got the half-way stage. The referees and linesmen were appointed on a system, and though the number of these officials seemed a lot, actually it was not so for its 37 weeks season no fewer than 1,540 matches were played in all four divisions. Each of the 50 referees was allocated 28 matches for the season, and each supplementary referee had 12 games plus 12 line appointments.

UNIVERSITY HOLD CLUB TO CREDITABLE DRAW

Junior League Cricket Reviewed By "R. Abbit"

IN DEALING at a considerable length with the K.C.C. v. Recreio Match yesterday I am afraid I rather crowded out a few observations on the 2nd Division cricket. One of the most interesting results was the match in which the University second managed to hold quite a useful Club second to a draw.

The Club knocked up 178 but they only got really going after 6 wickets had fallen, Parsons, Armstrong, Mitchell and Lowe all being dismissed cheaply. MacLeod got 30 and Lawrence 15, but it wasn't until Paterson and Bishop came together that runs came along quickly. They put up 73 for the 7th wicket, and, with Divett in, he and Bishop added 49, in an unbroken stand for the 8th wicket. It looks as if the declaration had been delayed too long, but on enquiry I find that the last two overs produced about 39 runs.

Actually, Mitchell would probably have been quite safe on declaring at 140, but he was under the impression that it would be possible to play at 6.30—the agreed time for drawing. However, at 6.15 it was much too dark for cricket.

The University batted very stoutly, six of their men getting into double figures, and they just avoided defeat.

Small Scoring

IN THE GAME between the C.C.C. second and the I.R.C. there was another draw, and a pretty tight fit! I see that the veteran U. M. Omar is turning out for the second—at least I suppose he is the bowler who used to play for the first and for Hongkong.

The Craigengower could only manage 101—Lock (29) and Lam (24) being top scorers. The Indians collected 93 for 9 wickets, and it would have been hard put to it but for an innings of 30 by M. I. Razack, while T. Ali (17 not out) held up things in the end, with A. M. Omar doing very well with the ball. His figures were 14/4/30/6.

Another Recreio Win

THE RECREIO had a day out altogether, as their second Eleven beat the K.C.C. second by 32 runs, which puts them in a very nice place in the 2nd Division table, as they are only one point behind the I.R.C. with a match in hand.

A. M. Prata was usual got runs, making 33, while J. E. Noronha had 32, and A. V. Gosano going in No. 10 rattled up 33, and then took 3 for 16. Guterres had 6 for 44.

Down at the Valley the C. S. second were no match whatever for the Police. Only H. Strange and C. Ainsley got into double figures and they were all out for 67. Danbrowsky had another good day, taking 4 for 11. The Police hit off the runs without difficulty, and finally totalled 143 for 9 wickets.

The Sunday Game

THE VOLUNTEERS visited Craigengower on Sunday, and found them in particularly good form. After a good opening by W. Hong-Sing (19) and Ernie Zimmern (48), F. R. Zimmern, Esmail, G. Souza and Billmorla all fell rapidly to Perry. However, Hulse and Hanson steadied things, put on 70 for the last wicket, making the total 232.

A GOOD TRY

THE VOLUNTEERS started appealingly—and, by the way, they were not at full strength—but with Griffiths and Perry together, things improved. It is simply amazing how these Civil Servants cannot get runs from anything, else but the C. S. Griths took 22, Perry 11, and Gegg run up 43. However, they could not quite manage it and were all out for 181 runs.

Hongkong C.C. Teams Selected

The following will represent the Hongkong C.C. at cricket on Saturday: (Home)—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), Surg. Lt. Comdr. W. G. Fennie, J. H. Ho, M. P. L. Haynes, J. Owen Hughes, A. K. MacLeod, D. McLehann, J. L. C. Pearce, A. E. Perry, J. E. Richardson and E. W. Stout.

And XI against Diocesan Boys School (Away)—R. S. W. Paterson (Capt.), C. W. E. Hlop, N. M. J. P. Chilton, C. G. Godfrey, D. O. Parsons, J. E. Potter, D. S. Robb, L. C. Smith, T. M. Sulter and I. P. Tamworth.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Teams

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey this week: "A" XI against University (Home), 8 p.m. to-morrow. Benwell, Jordan and Tomlinson; Smith, McLehann and Colledge; Corcoran, Spore, Pennington, White and Highlands.

And XI against Kowloon Rifles (Away)—R. S. W. Paterson (Capt.), C. W. E. Hlop, N. M. J. P. Chilton, C. G. Godfrey, D. O. Parsons, J. E. Potter, D. S. Robb, L. C. Smith, T. M. Sulter and I. P. Tamworth.

BOXING ACTIVITY IN U.S.A.

NEW YORK, Mar. 5 (UP).—The Twentieth Century Sports Club has announced that the Garcia-Ken Overlin middleweight bout for April 3 has been postponed until May 24 on account of Garcia's boils.

It appears that Garcia is to have two fights in three days, for a message from Seattle states that Nate Druxman has said that Mike Jacobs has agreed to release Garcia for his fight with Al Hostak in that city, and the

Drawn Bout For World Bantamweight Title

TORONTO, Mar. 5 (UP).—Lou Salica and George Pace, both 117½ lbs., drew in a furious fight lasting 15 rounds for the world's bantamweight title to-day. A crowd of 8,500 paid \$10.00 to see the tide of battle swing from one to the other. In the end the two judges and referee all voted differently.

Pace, who was 9-5 favourite before the fight, was fired in the last three rounds. Salica made a whirlwind finish.

about will possibly take place on May 21.

Garcia has not yet signed up for the inter bout, but it is not seen how he can "buss up."

RETURN MATCH DOUBTFUL
A RETURN MATCH between George Pace and Lou Salica for the world bantamweight title is doubtful at the moment, for it has been disclosed that Pace severely injured his left hand in yesterday's fight when in the fifth round he hooked to Salica's head.

M.C.C. RESPONSE TO SUGGESTED REGIONAL LEAGUE

TO the following circular letter, sent to first-class county and minor counties clubs, is attached the signature of Sir Pelham Warner, who, soon after the outbreak of war, was appointed deputy assistant secretary of the M.C.C.:

"In view of certain requests made to M.C.C. regarding Regional cricket, the M.C.C. committee have replied that they are not at this stage prepared to initiate what has been described as Regional cricket. At the same time, I am to add that, if there is a general feeling among the counties that this form of cricket is reasonable and possible, the right course would be for the counties to ask for a meeting of the Advisory County Cricket Committee to be summoned."

The first circular letter on the subject of Regional cricket was sent out to the county clubs by the Surrey club last autumn, but the one we print to-day represents the first official move from headquarters.

Army Sevens' Tourney Reaches Final

FAST RUGBY was seen at the Sookunpoo ground yesterday when the Army Seven-A-Side Tournament was held.

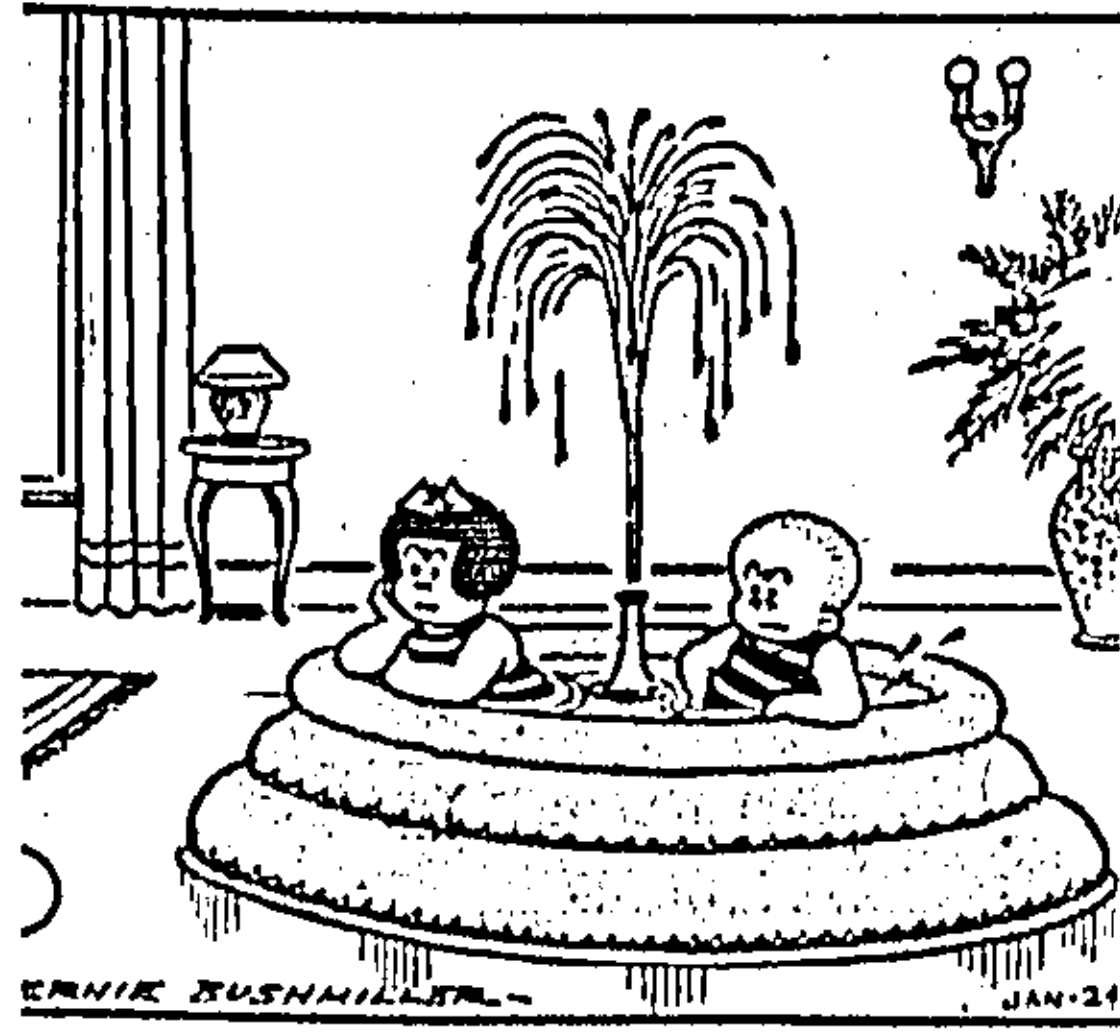
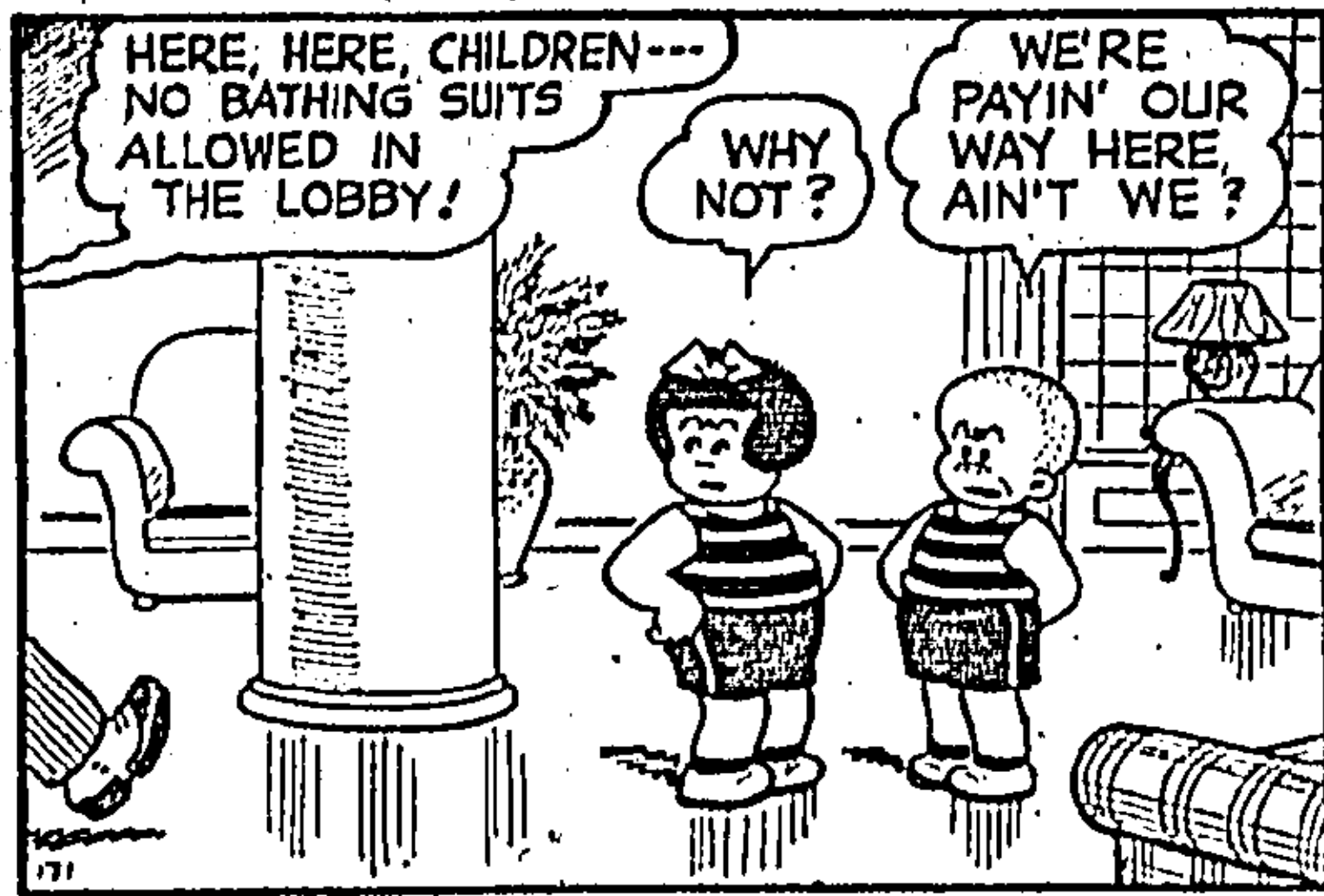
Royal Scots "A" and Royal Engineers were in "A" form, and reached the semi-finals where they qualified to meet each other in the final. Royal Scots encountered 1st Middlesex "B" and won by a convincing margin of 13-0, and Engineers won from the Middlesex "A" by 9-5.

Following were the results:
2nd Royal Scots received a walk-over from Royal Corps of Signals; 1st Middlesex "A" received a walk-over from 5th Heavy Brigade; 5th A.A. beat R.A.M.C. 5th A.A. "B" lost to 1st Middlesex "B"; 2nd Royal Scots "A" beat 5th Heavy Regiment "A"; R.A. Royal Engineers beat Royal Scots "B"; Middlesex "A" beat 5th A.A. Royal Scots "A" beat 1st Middlesex "B"; and Royal Engineers beat Middlesex "A".

King's College Sports

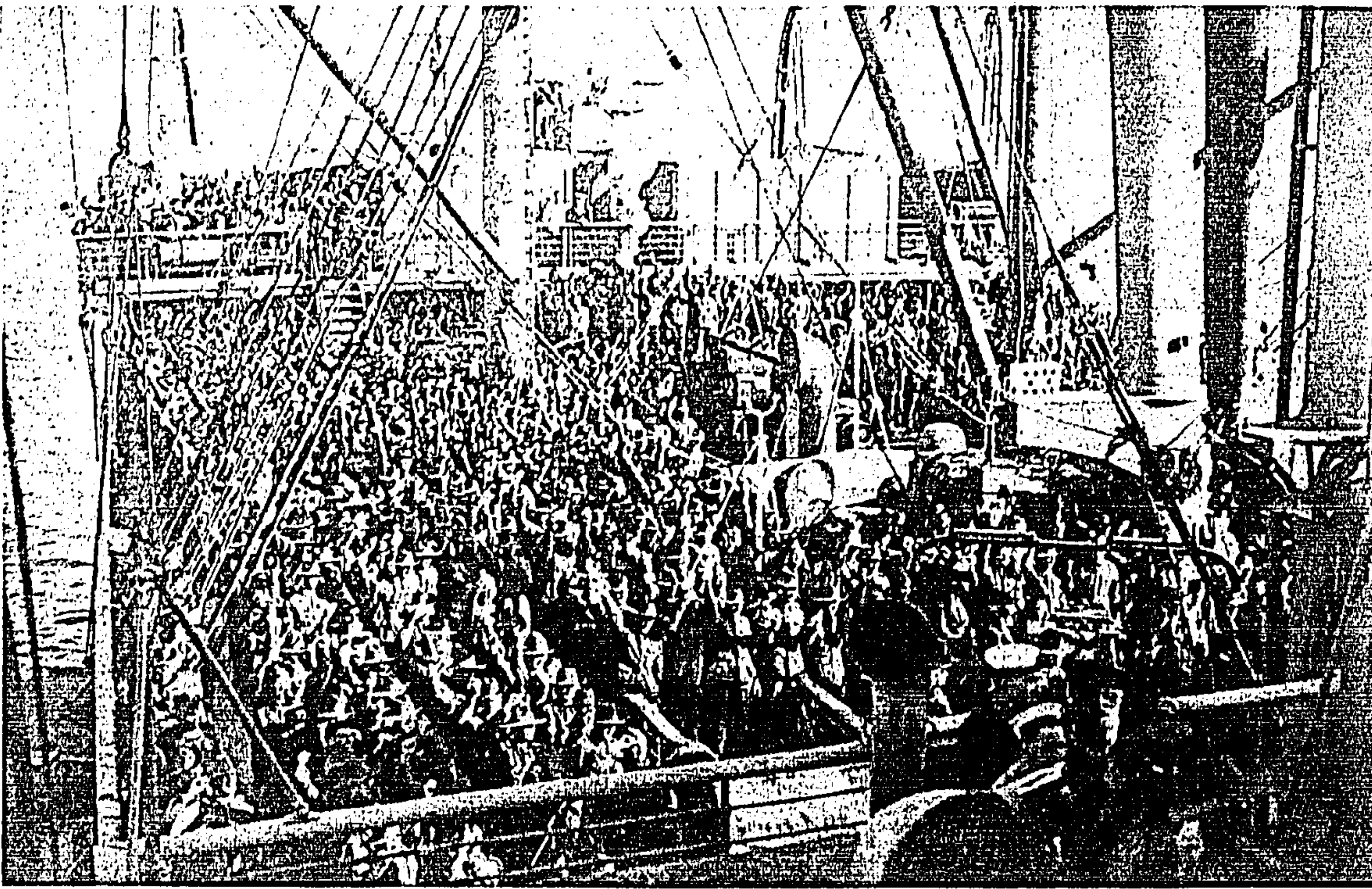
The tenth annual athletic sports of King's College will be held at 1.30 p.m. Mrs. H. G. Walling-Caroline Hill on March 21; commencement will distribute the prizes.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

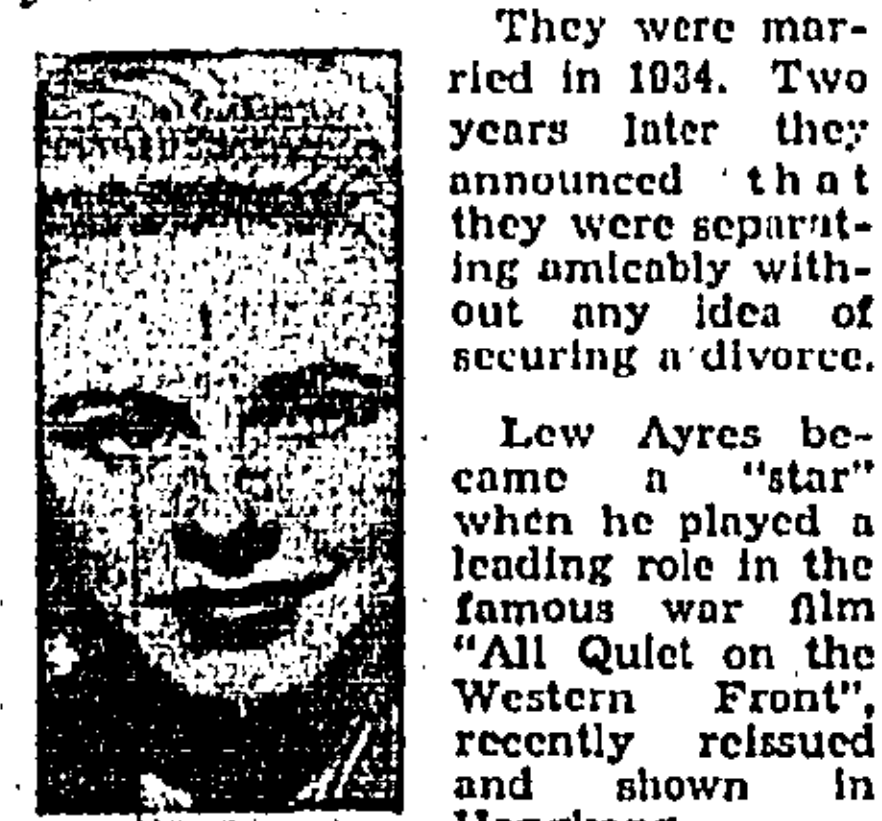
THE ARRIVAL OF THE ANZACS IN EGYPT



ANZACS lined up in serried rows on the deck of one of the luxury liners which brought them to Suez from Australia and New Zealand. They were welcomed there by Capt. Anthony Eden, who flew from England with a message for the men from His Majesty the King.—Domei.

GINGER ROGERS SEEKS DIVORCE

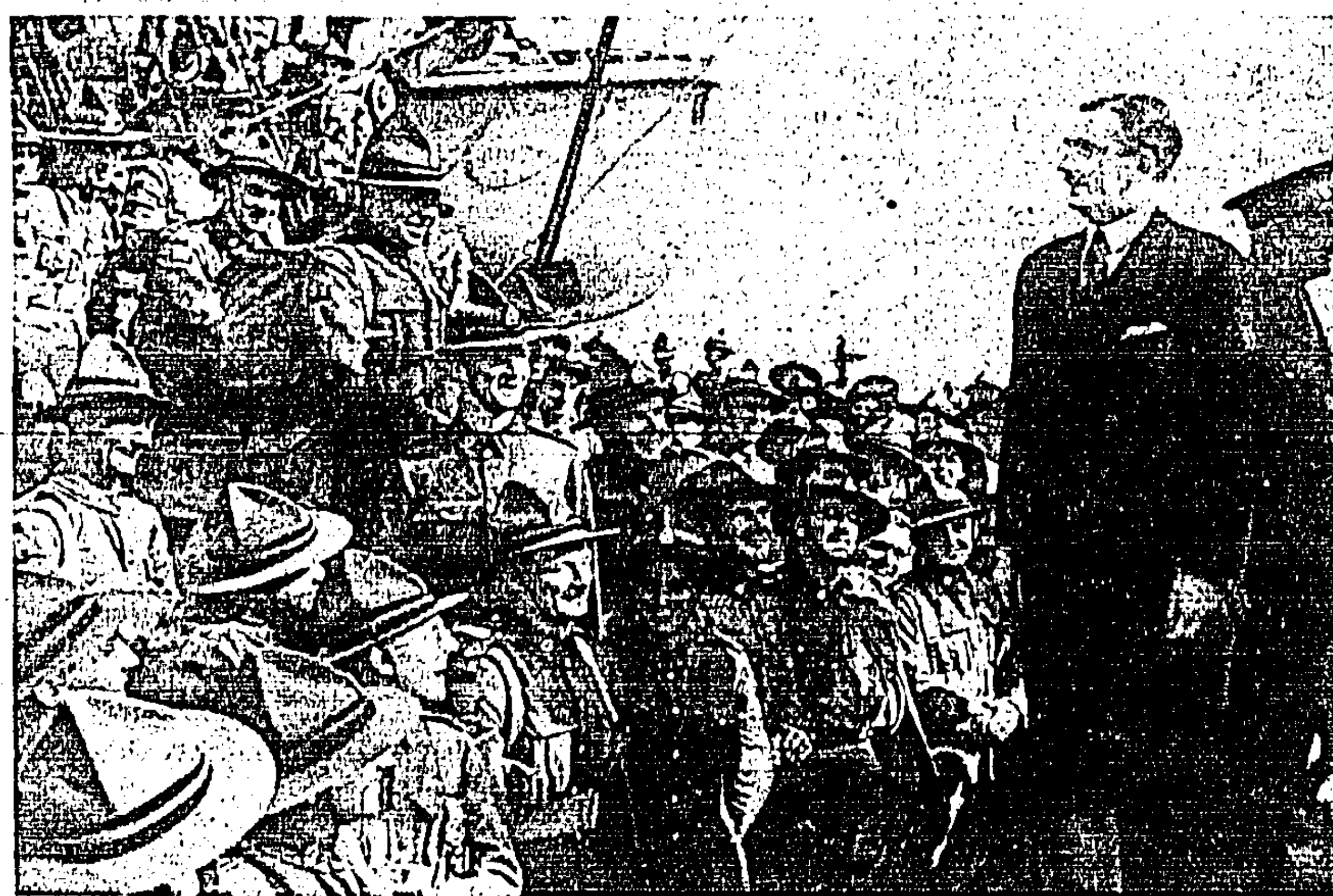
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HOLLYWOOD, March 5 (UP).—Ginger Rogers the film star has filed a petition for divorce from her husband, Lew Ayres, charging desertion.



Mr. Ayres is not contesting the suit which has been filed in the Superior Court. The couple have been separated for five years.

CONGRESS PARTY LEADER RESIGNS

NEW DELHI, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Dr. Mohamed Ali, Deputy Leader of the Congress Party in the Punjab Legislative Assembly, has resigned. He said yesterday that it was the duty of every Moslem to rally under one banner and consolidate the position of the Moslem community.



MR. ANTHONY EDEN addressing New Zealand troops on the deck of one of the ships of the huge convoy of luxury liners which brought the Anzacs to Egypt.—Domei.

New Warships For America

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (UP).—The Navy Department to-day announced that they have awarded to the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, N.J., contracts for the construction of two 10,000 light cruisers for the sum of \$17,000,000 each, to be named Cleveland and Columbia.

These are the last of the 21 combatant ships authorized under the 1938 expansion programme. It is reported they will have great speed and cruising range and will mount 5 inch guns. They will be completed within 36 and 39 months respectively.

On The Home Front Key-Men To Be Retained

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Both here and in France, steps are being taken to see that industry does not suffer from the fact that key-men are in the fighting forces.

The British Army has released 15,000 reservists for three months, and the calling-up of men engaged on work of national importance will be postponed.

French Measures In France, new labour decrees are designed to leave at their work men who cannot be replaced easily. Farm labourers too will stay on their farms.

Not Hannibal Wreckage

Air Liner's Fate Still A Mystery. NEW DELHI, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—What was at first thought to be the wreckage of the Imperial Airways liner Hannibal is now found to be the wreckage of a dhow.

The air search is to be continued to-morrow, but it is now assumed that the Hannibal sank in the sea and that there is no hope of finding survivors.

INDIA'S NEW AIR SERVICES

NEW DELHI, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The rapid expansion of India's internal air services is seen in the report of the Director of Civil Aviation in India for 1939.

FINNS BATTLE ON ICE FLOES

By EDWARD BEATTIE UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 5 (UP).—In the most daring attacks of the Finnish War, the Russians to-day sent two columns over the ice in the Bay of Finland.

The columns were composed of light tanks manned by two men each and they hurled an attack against the islands of Hanpassari and Virolahti.

Both columns were cut to pieces by Finnish coastal batteries. To-day's official Finnish communiqué states that the Finns continue to repulse Russian attacks on the islands near Viborg and also on the coast at the mouth of the Bay and on the northwest shore.

It claimed that 500 Russians were killed to-day in fighting at Kuusmo. Local attacks at Aeyraepajaervi and Pollakala between Viborg Bay and Vuoksi were repulsed.

The air raid alarm was sounded for 15 minutes in Helsingfors this morning but anti-aircraft batteries prevented the raiders from reaching the city.

Marking Time SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" COPENHAGEN, 5 (UP).—The "Berlingske Aftenavis" correspondent at Helsingfors to-day reports that the Russians are now marking time outside Viborg for two reasons; first, because the suburbs have been heavily mined by the Finns, and it is therefore dangerous to advance under the enemy's rearguard fire; secondly, because the Russians want to protect their flanks to the north and south, and to avoid being trapped in Viborg itself.

In a daring manoeuvre the Russians are trying to strike far out across the Gulf of Finland outside the Bay of Viborg and the well fortified positions which the Finns have prepared along the coast of the bay, in order to turn these fortifications. This would be difficult without sufficient artillery to break up the ice.

New Land Advance The report stated that the Russians have reached a point on land near Virolahti, 40 miles south of Viborg and 20 miles east of Frederikshamn, but the Finns report that this landing from the ice was repulsed at the last moment by hastily reinforced Finnish forces.

The Finns are said to be urgently in need of pursuit planes in this sector as well as on their north flank at Aeyraepajaervi Pass, east of Heinjoki, where the Russians are attempting to broaden their flank and to cut the Taipale defences from the rear.

It is also reported that north of Lake Ladoga, a Russian division—believed to be the 108th—have been surrounded near Kitelee and are at present in a dangerous situation under constant action by Finnish patrols.

Finland's Communiqué HELSINGFORS, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—To-day's Finnish communiqué states that on the Karelian Isthmus the enemy made attacks all day against the islands in the Bay of Viborg and on the north of the western beach.

Fighting continued at most places north of the Bay. At other places, the attacks have been repulsed.

Fighting continues in the Kuusmo sector. Our troops have repulsed Russian attack and have captured several enemy nests. Enemy losses were more than 500 killed.

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BRITISH MAGINOT OUTPOST RAIDED

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—News of a German raid on an outpost of the British Maginot force was contained in an official communiqué issued by the British General Headquarters to-night which states that "the raid occurred this morning against a post in the British front line and the enemy succeeded in capturing some prisoners."

"The post was recaptured and the enemy retired leaving one dead. Two British soldiers were killed and one wounded."

The reports that there has been increasing patrol activity on the Western Front may be due to the relief which are taking place on both sides of the line as well as improved weather conditions, writes Reuter's Military Correspondent.

More Cleverness The German patrols have shown more cleverness than they did during the last war and old British soldiers with the B.E.F. attribute this to the Hitler Youth Movement and hiking.

The Germans are less sheep-like than formerly, they change their routes when on patrol and have mastered the art of noiseless movement.

The German gunners have also improved and do not shell the same places at the same time as they did in the last war.

The German Army has not been wasting its time during the winter and has formed many new divisions, the majority of which are organised on the infantry pattern with drawn transport.

Only armoured and light tank divisions are completely mechanised. Shortage Of Staff Officers. Except in Poland, none of the present German Army's generals have held important commands in wartime. There is a serious shortage of trained staff officers in the German Army.

Since Hitler assumed power only a few have been able to complete the extensive staff college training of three years.

Nova Scotia To Help Win War

"Our Most Important Consideration" HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—"Winning the war is now our first and most important consideration," declared a speech from the Throne read by the Chief Justice Sir Joseph Chisholm at the opening of the Legislature.

The speech added that many other matters of interest and advantage to Nova Scotia must be postponed until that is achieved.

The speech revealed that Nova Scotia had taken steps to make the province's mineral resources more readily available for Canada's war effort.

S. A. PLANES IN FINLAND

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—It has been learned authoritatively that the Gloucester Gauntlet fighting planes released by South Africa for the Finns have arrived in Finland.

There has recently been a great speeding up in the delivery of foreign aircraft and there are now more than 100 planes from America, France, Italy and Sweden in action, including over 60 British fighters and bombers.

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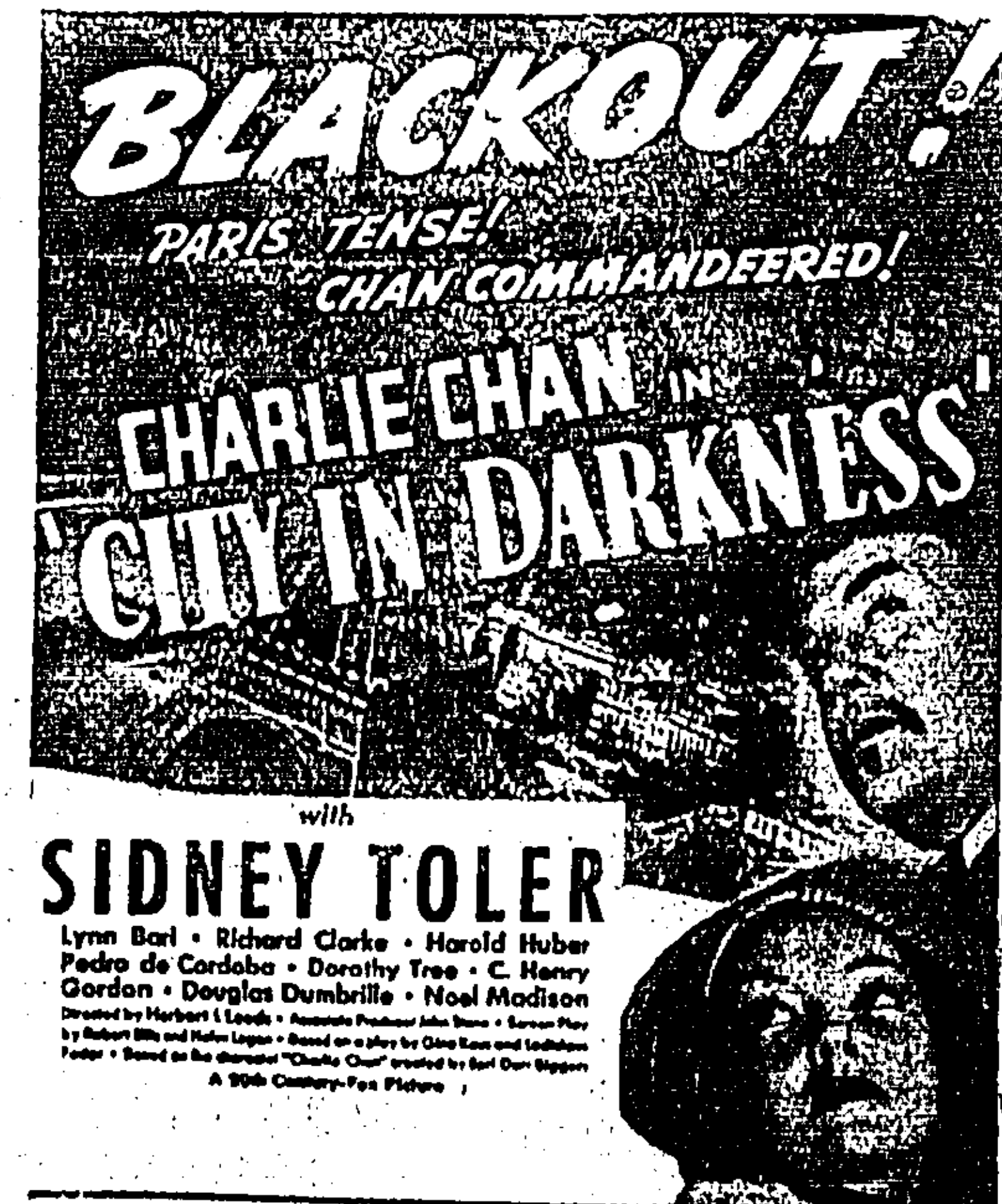
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New British War Loan

£300,000,000 To Be Raised At 3%

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, March 5 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that a new war loan totalling £300,000,000 at 3 per cent. will be issued at par and redeemable at 15 and 19 years.

He said subscriptions must be completed by March 15.

To Be Opened March 12

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that a War Loan of £300,000,000 for 15 to 19 years at three per cent. will be issued at par.

The lists will be opened on March 12 and closing on March 13. Ten per cent. will be payable on application and the balance on April 15.

City Welcomes

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Sir John Simon's war loan announcement was welcomed enthusiastically in the city, says "Reuter's" City Editor.

It is expected to constitute a stabilising influence in the market for Government securities.

Some circles even suggest that it may have a tonic effect on current prices.

Inter-office dealings after the announcement were notable for the strength of gilt-edged stocks, with War Loan at 100 per cent.

Terms Exactly Right

It is generally believed that the terms and issue price are exactly right in the present market conditions for this kind of loan.

It is stressed in official circles that no further war loan will be issued on terms as favourable as those now announced. It is hoped that the banks will give reasonable assistance in the shape of temporary credit arrangements for the smaller investors anxious to subscribe but who are not in position to complete payment on April 15 of the 80 per cent. of the remaining due after meeting the 10 per cent. application money.

Chancellor's Announcement

LONDON Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Sir John Simon, at the outset of the announcement, said that one very large national expenditure had been so far financed by additional taxation imposed last September, by an appreciable increase in the volume of Treasury bills and the ever-mounting proceeds of the very successful savings campaign since November.

The Government's appeal for subscriptions to a large loan, had necessarily to be delayed until it was felt that the market was ripe for its issue. The time for this had now arrived.

Borrowing since the outbreak of war had all been for short periods. The new loan, however, would be for a period of 15 to 19 years, carry an interest of three per cent. and would be issued at par.

Cheap Borrowing

That rate records with the Government's avowed policy of borrowing as cheaply as possible, and at the same time it is a reasonable one from the investors' point of view.

The loan will be repayable in part on October 15, 1959, but the Treasury reserve the right of redemption partly or wholly at any time after October 14, 1955, on three months' notice.

It is, therefore, to be known as the Three Per Cent. War Loan, 1955-59.

To Borrow Much More

The amount of issue is limited to £300,000,000. The Government will have to borrow considerably more than that during the next 12 months, but a first issue for a limited amount is convenient to the Treasury from several viewpoints, and it is also in the general interests of the lender.

Ten per cent. of all subscriptions

BRITONS MAY HAVE TO LOSE ALL LUXURIES FOR DURATION

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All suggestions for the promotion of this vital activity will be examined with the idea of bringing into operation a unified scheme embracing the whole ramifications of export trade.

The White Paper concludes: "Notwithstanding the obstacles caused by war, the final aim must be an increased exchange of goods and services to mutual advantage between the Allies and the countries who wish to trade with them."

REAL ESTATE LOSES VALUE

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tenants and the reduction of rents. Some buildings have suffered severely. On the other hand there have again been far sighted people picking up smaller buildings—those with a few rooms—on the grounds that they are certain to be in demand after the war when the servant problem gets worse and there is a housing shortage. "The market for farming lands is improving," he concluded, "but buyers are mainly investors not tenant farmers."

ITALY TO RATION HER COAL

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sure. The overland route for further coal deliveries to Italy was thoroughly discussed during the recently concluded German-Italian trade talks.

"Since the British attitude made it impossible that coal shipments via the Netherlands would be halted, necessary preparations for a readjustment to the land-route were made."

The paper adds, "The trade agreement with Italy provides for an additional increase in Italian food exports to Germany."

will be payable on application and the balance on April 15 next.

Subject to certain safeguards, the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposed offering to non-resident subscribers exemptions from taxation somewhat similar to those attaching to some of our loans in the last war.

There will be Post Office and national Savings Bank issues, to which the minimum subscription of £10 will be accepted, although no such application must exceed £1,000.

This will afford such subscribers an opportunity of lending their savings for longer than provided by Savings Certificates and Defence Bonds.

Opposition Pleased

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Simon loan announcement was welcomed by the Opposition, who put a few questions on the subject.

Replying to these questions, Sir John Simon said that the suggested issue of a short-term loan at a lower rate of interest, particularly suitable for large financial houses, made by Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, would be borne in mind in respect of possible future occasions.

There would certainly have to be future issues, but it would not be wise or prudent for him to make any statement now.

He appreciated the point made by Mr. Leach about preventing would-be lenders on this side entering into collusion with some friend abroad to get better terms.

The Government would take good care to see that it was no president's money which would be lent on the terms that he had suggested.

People in Britain must pay their taxes.

GOERING ABOARD BRITISH WARSHIP

Which Was "Sunk" By Goebbels!

By A Naval Correspondent

A British Naval Base.—After spending more than 130 days at sea since the war began and steaming some 30,000 miles across many different oceans, the battleship Repulse is having a few days' rest.

The loud-speakers on mess decks to-day carried an order that has not been heard for more than five months—"Men proceeding on leave fall in on the port side of the shelter deck."

For a few brief days these men will be quite out of action stations and the constant alertness that is second nature to seamen. They can have a "night in," which means they can sleep undisturbed for a full eight hours. They can, for the first time for twenty weeks, relax.

No Comfort To Nazis

This information will be of no comfort to the enemy if it reaches him.

The German Admiralty has officially decided that the Repulse was sunk by U-boat torpedoes at Scapa Flow on October 14.

They have recorded the fact in the Naval Annual, which has just been published.

Unfortunately for the German Intelligence Department the Repulse persists in existing and the only damage done to her is the chipping of her paint by the dockyard mules who are at present swarming all over her, tuning her up for another 130 or more days at sea, or another 30,000 miles.

I think it would be rather a waste of energy to send any of the Foreign posters warning chatterboxes.

"Repulsed"

I spent the forenoon in the ship trying to learn something of what the ship had done during these opening weeks of the war. Everybody was kind and most evasive. I asked if anything interesting had happened—and they chased me.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The market is a trifle easier. There is no rush of selling, though buyers have temporarily gained the upper hand, and are basing their enquiries on lower levels.

Buyers

Hongkong Banks \$1,460
H.K. Wharves \$103½
H.K. Mines 3½ cts.
China Lights (Old) \$8.45
China Lights (New) \$5.40

Sellers

H.K. Docks \$23.10
H.K. Lands \$38.94
Electricity \$89½
Telephones (New) \$11½

Sales

Hongkong Banks \$1,460/65

H.K. Docks \$23

H.K. Lands \$38.00/38½

H.K. Trams \$18.15

Star Ferries \$97

China Lights (Old) \$8.60

China Lights (New) \$5.55/5½

Electricity \$87¾/88/89

Cements \$20/18.80/19.70

Dairy Farms (Old) \$23

EXPROPRIATION SETTLEMENT

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—

Senor Castillo Mijera, Ambassador to Washington, returning here, declares that he has brought the basis for a general settlement with the Sinaloa interests for the settlement of their claims for the properties which were expropriated.

The agreement would consist of payment of a sum tentatively fixed and signature of a long-term contract under which the Sinaloa interests would purchase Mexican oil.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (Domel).

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Monday turned down the Bill calling for the application of the Neutrality Law to the Sino-Japanese conflict.

LATE NEWS

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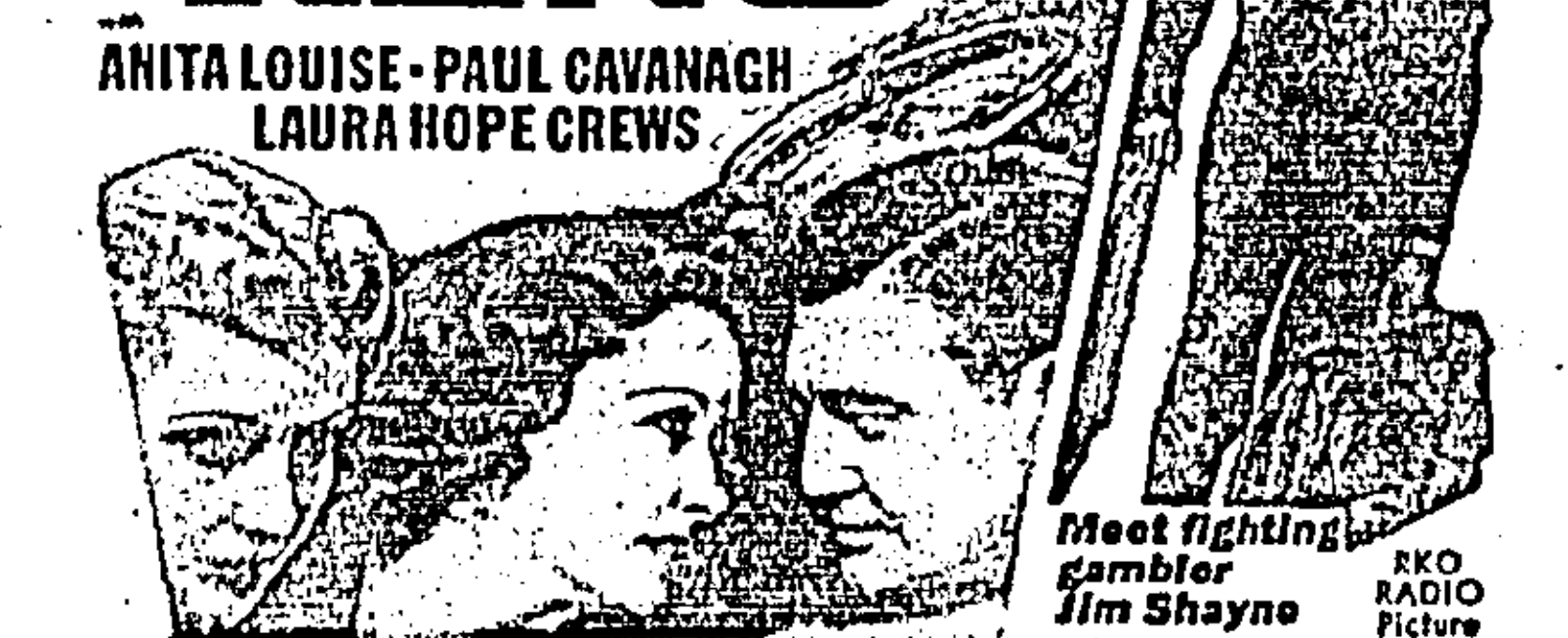
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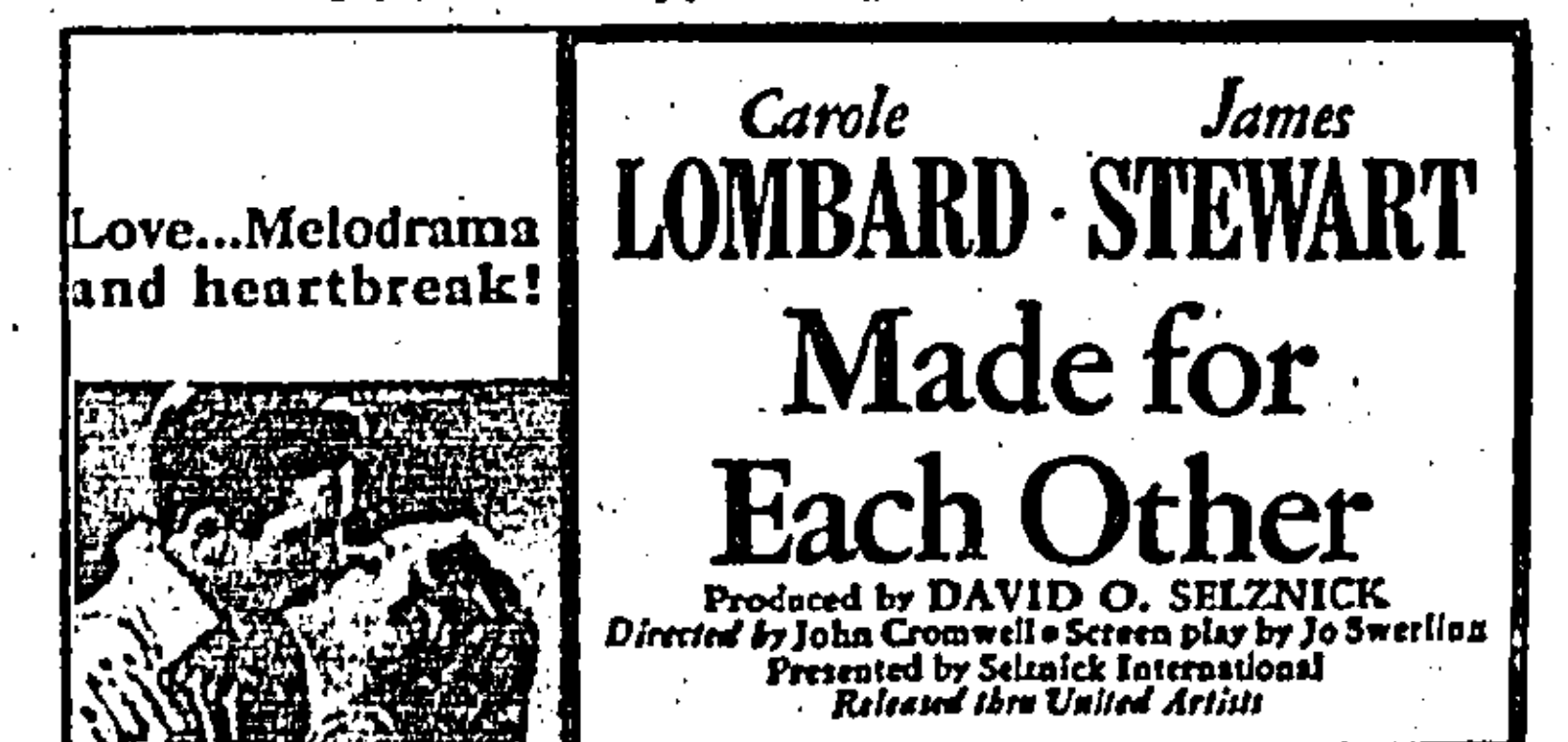
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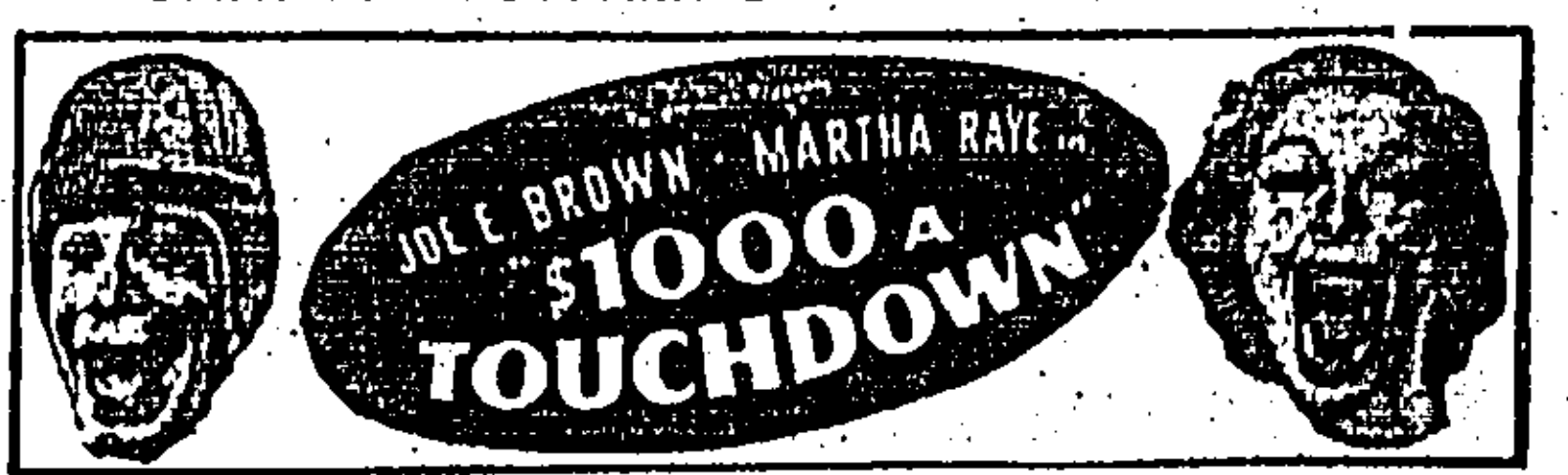
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Pacifist Clergyman

London, Mar. 5.

Rev. J. Q. C. Hind, son of the former Bishop in Fukuoka, has resigned his curacy at Bury St. Edmunds because he says it is in the best interests of the parish that there should be no divisions.

Mr. Hind is a pacifist and has been at Bury St. Edmunds three years. In his letter of resignation he says—"I am sorry to have been the cause of this trouble."

In the last issue of the parish magazine the Vicar referred to the special problem of pacifism facing the parish and referring to Mr. Hind's resignation, said—"His sentiments do him credit. It is grievous to find that the parish has not been

VICTIM CARRIED FOUR MILES UNDER BUS IN BLACK-OUT

LONDON.—It is believed that a woman's body found under a bus, which was being backed into Hammenhall Garage on Thursday night, was carried under the vehicle from Trafalgar-square, about four miles away.

The woman was identified as Mrs. Mildred M. Matthews, 39, of Harland Avenue, Sidcup, Kent.

It is thought that she was knocked down in Trafalgar Square and then caught up under a passing bus. A handbag and gas mask were found in the square.

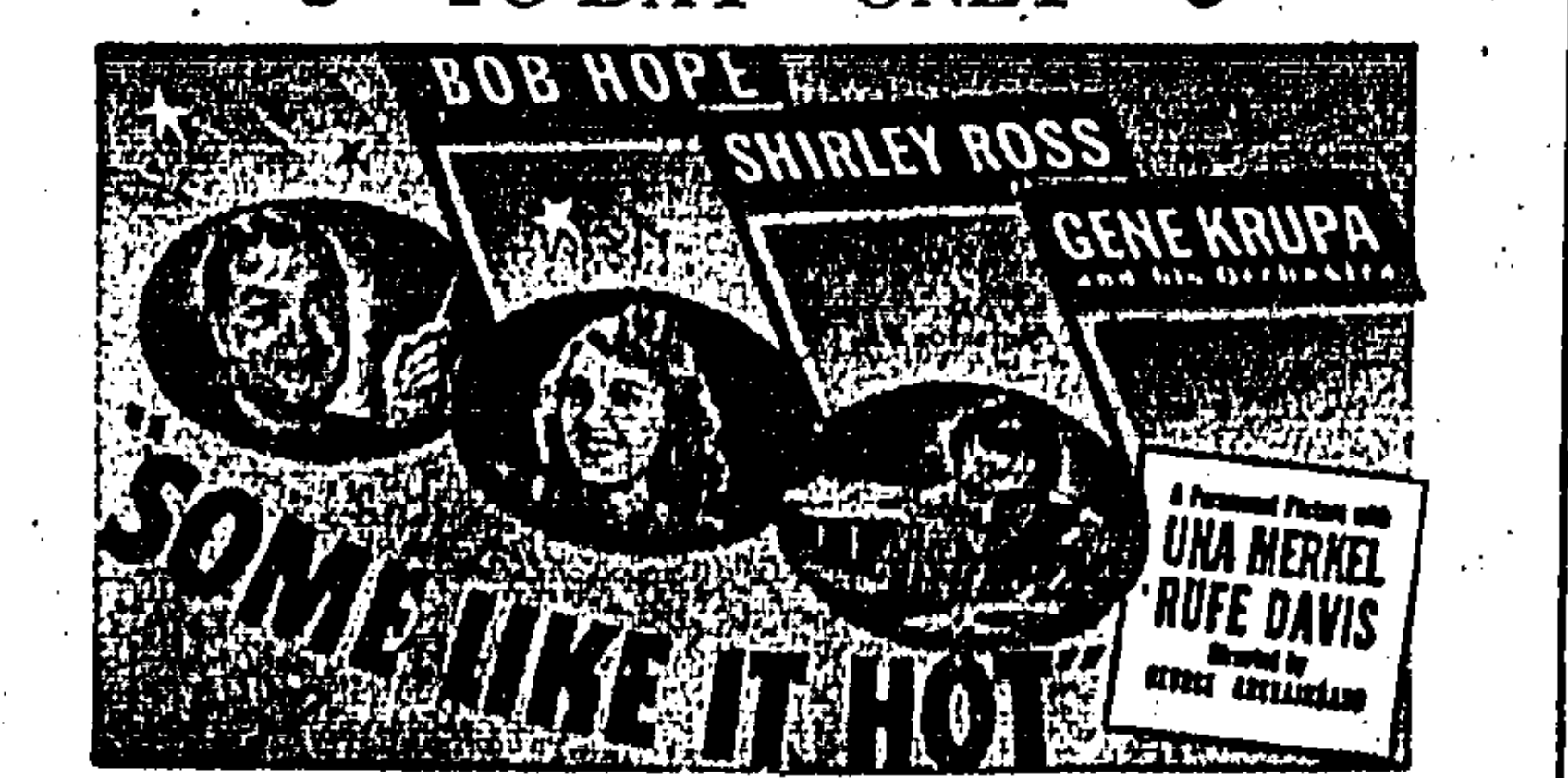
able to tolerate, but rejected a man of sincere convictions, leading a Christian life and with whose opinions they differ."—Reuter.

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"CASH & CARRY WAR" GOVERNMENT'S AIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, MARCH 6 (UP).—REGIMENTATION OF SUPPLIES IS TO BE ENFORCED IN BRITAIN ON A SCALE NEVER BEFORE ATTEMPTED IN THAT COUNTRY.

THE SECRETARY FOR OVERSEAS TRADE, MR. ROBERT HUDSON, ANNOUNCES THAT BRITAIN'S EXPORT MACHINERY IS BEING COMPLETELY RE-ORGANISED FOR A "CASH AND CARRY WAR".

When the new scheme is put into operation, home consumption may be so drastically curtailed that Britons will be forced to go without all luxuries.

"The new Export Council must see that British exports increase sufficiently to pay for materials we have to import to win the war," said Mr. Hudson.

"We cannot borrow abroad as we did in 1918. We must pay as we go."

WHITE PAPER PUBLISHED

Coincident with the announcement, a White Paper has been issued on the subject of the new Export Council.

It states that the Council must approach its task from the standpoint of maintaining export trade, "which is so vital a factor in the war effort by the Allied Powers that no measure calculated to contribute to the end in view should be excluded from consideration."

The White Paper urges manufacturers and merchants to organise and facilitate exports.

"Britain does not intend to take advantage of the war to try and secure a monopoly of the world's markets."

"We will, therefore, limit regimentation to the minimum necessary and the war demands."

Aims Of Export Council

LONDON, Mar. 5. (British Wireless).—The aims and plan of the work of the Export Council set up by the Board of Trade are set out in a White Paper issued to-day.

The aim is summed up as the "promotion of the greatest volume of export trade which will be achieved under the conditions of war."

Export trade is regarded by the Council as a factor so vital in the war effort that no measure calculated to achieve the aim will be excluded from the consideration.

Machinery for accomplishing the desired purpose will be built on normal trade structure, although it is recognised that war conditions require direction, guidance and support given by Government to exporters to a degree not contemplated in peace time.

The White Paper specifically states that "should exceptional circumstances arise in particular trades or over the whole field, the Council will place no limit to the expedients they will be prepared to consider," and it is anticipated that a considerable diversion from home to export markets will be experienced in the case of many commodities.

Exports For Industries

Stating that "it is clear that each industry, in considering export development, has problems of raw materials, prices, distribution and markets which are highly specialised," the White Paper forecasts the setting up in each industry of an export group with which the Council will co-operate.

These groups will be formed by the existing trade organisations and the Chamber of Commerce.

All suggestions for the promotion of this vital activity will be examined with the idea of bringing into operation a unified scheme embracing the whole ramifications of export trade.

The White Paper concludes: "Notwithstanding the obstacles caused by war, the final aim must be an increased exchange of goods and services to mutual advantage between the Allies and the countries who wish to trade with them."

Nothing Like It Before

LONDON, Mar. 5. (British Wireless).—In the course of a speech

PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

Hitler's "Blitzkrieg" On Western Front May Be Near SWITZERLAND MOBILISES AS NEW NAZI CONCENTRATIONS REPORTED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LAUSANNE, Mar. 6 (UP).—Concurrently with new rumours of heavy concentrations of German troops on the Western Front, particularly in the southern area adjoining the Swiss frontier, Switzerland has speeded up her military preparations.

Rumours are spreading throughout Switzerland that Hitler has ordered a Blitzkrieg around the southern flank of the Maginot Line.

Swiss official circles, however, refuse to link Switzerland's intensified military preparations with these rumours.

Reservists who were to have joined the Colours next Saturday have been ordered to report on Wednesday.

Suddenness of the move is indicated that it was conveyed to the people of Switzerland by radio and posted notices instead of through the usual channels.

Switzerland already has an army estimated at 375,000 men under arms.

It is the most severely-manned nation in the world in proportion to its population (4,183,000).

The calling up of the new Class will add between 40,000 and 70,000 men to the total.

Ahead Of Schedule

The mobilisation, although ahead of schedule, would have passed unnoticed had it not been for the simultaneous recurrence of rumours of German military activity across the border north and east of Basel. Switzerland is now believed to be spending £250,000 a day on mobilisation and war preparations. Switzerland's frontiers are 1,170 miles in length, of which 321 miles adjoin Germany, 350 miles France, 460 miles Italy and 24 miles Liechtenstein.

Gold reserves total £150,000,000. Over 60 per cent. was recently removed from the country as precautionary measure.

Nazi Activity Viewed

Seriously In Paris
LONDON, Mar. 6. (Reuter).—German military preparations in the vicinity of Luxembourg and Alsace are taken to-day much more seriously than before in well-informed quarters in Paris, according to a French correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

He states that feverish activity has been observed on the Luxembourg-German frontier districts crossed by the Rivers Sauer and Moselle.

Day and night, detachments of German troops are engaged in building small forts.

Barbed wire, which has prevented approach to the ferry crossings at the Moselle between Oberbiling and Wasserbiling, is being pulled down.

In the neighbourhood of Basel, German reinforcements are advancing towards the Rhine, especially in the direction of Loerach.

Ten divisions have been concentrated in that area. Three of them are at Loerach.

The Swiss military authorities, the correspondent adds, have called new classes of reservists to the colours.

Calling up was to take effect on Saturday, but it has been advanced to to-day.

Walls To Magistrate

She was begging for copper in Des Voeux Road Central when arrested.

NAZI AIR ONSLAUGHT IN MARCH

Theory Confirmed In House Of Commons

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 5 (UP).—The widespread theory that the month of March will see German air raids over Britain received semi-official sanction in the House of Commons to-day, when the President of the Board of Trade told questioners:

"In view of the risks of serious air raids during the period we are now entering, the Government will not reduce below the current rate, the war risk insurance on landed goods in Britain, which is one fourth of one per cent per month."

He stated that the war risk fund now totalled £18,020,014.

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

72-YEAR-OLD BEGGAR HAS SMALL FORTUNE

A 72-year-old widow who was convicted at the Central Magistracy this morning of begging in the streets had a small fortune tucked away in her clothes when she was arrested.

A search at the Central Police Station revealed that she had \$347 in Hongkong currency and \$315 in National currency in her possession.

The woman wailed bitterly when the Magistrate, Mr. R. Edwards, imposed a fine of \$25.

"Please don't fine me so much," she cried. "It is only a few hundred dollars I have."



America Wants To Buy A British Colony

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (UP).—An old claim for the cession of British colonial territory as payment of the 1914-18 war debts has been revived in Congress.

Senator Reynolds has moved a private resolution in the Senate, authorising President Roosevelt to open negotiations with Great Britain for the purchase of British Honduras and certain Caribbean islands.

It is believed that Senator Reynolds' private Bill is designed more to indicate America's intention of strengthening the defence of the Caribbean Sea and the Panama Canal.

Crown Colony

British Honduras has a total area of 9,067 square miles (about nine times as much as Hongkong) and a population of 50,000. The greater part of the country is covered by forest, from where the staple products are obtained. It is a Crown Colony, the capital being Belize (pop. 10,000), which is also the principal port.

Annual revenue approximately US\$1,000,000; public debt \$3,400,000; annual imports \$3,000,000, 25 per cent of which are from the United Kingdom.

NEWFOUNDLAND VOLUNTEERS

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Anthony Eden said that following an exchange of views with the British Government, the Government of Newfoundland recently called for volunteers. They called for 1,500 men for service with the Royal Artillery.

The men will be trained in the United Kingdom and will be posted as soon as possible.

A call for recruits had met with the most enthusiastic response, Mr. Eden said.

INHUMAN SOVIETS

Bomb Three Finnish Hospitals

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Three hospitals some distance from the front were bombed yesterday.

Ten patients were killed in one and four in another, while many were wounded.

The towns of Mikkel, Kuopio and Lahti, all without military importance, were bombed, and eight were killed and many wounded.

Passengers in a train reaching Helsingfors yesterday said that it was machine-gunned near Lahti by low-flying aircraft.

S'HAJ MAIL WARNING

SHANGHAI, Mar. 6. (Reuter).—British subjects are warned by the British Embassy in Shanghai that mail which is not definitely marked to be sent by a route other than Siberia is liable to fall in the hands of German censors.

The official notice says that normally mail from China for Europe is taken across Siberia, and thence through Germany for distribution, but such mails should not, in the present circumstances, pass through German territory. However, there is always a danger that they may do so since they are no longer in the control of Chinese postal authorities once they leave Chinese territory.

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LETTERS

Tai-po Rural Orphanage

To the Editor, "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—I shall be grateful if you will allow me to express, through your paper, to all those who took the trouble and the time to come to the Tai-po Rural Orphanage last Saturday, the delighted gratitude of the Committee.

We had expected perhaps fifty friends to come. There were nearly five times that number.

Though we have reached our first century (with 52 boys and 48 girls), we are still feeling our way. We ask our friends to forgive our many obvious imperfections. With their help and counsel we hope to grow steadily in numbers, imagination and efficiency.

RONALD HONGKONG.

Kowloon Beggars

Sir,—Could not the Police take some action to round up the increasing number of beggars, most of whom are suffering from malformations or diseases, who are loitering around the bus stops in Kowloon?

These people rely upon the fact that intending passengers must wait at the bus stops for the arrival of the buses and descend in a veritable swarm the minute anyone arrives.

They are particularly bad in Nathan Road at the bus stop near the Austin Road junction, and also at several bus stops in Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.

Apart from the fact that something should be done to care for these maimed people, their presence on the streets is not a good advertisement for Hongkong, and particularly for Kowloon, and hardly conceivable that the police would permit these people to operate on the bus or train stops in the mid-level or Peak areas on the island, so why in Kowloon?

PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

B. W. O. F.

Sir,—Please find enclosed a copy of a letter received from The Depot for Knitted Garments for The Royal Navy.

As this is of interest to a great number of workers for the British War Organisation Fund of Hongkong, we trust that you will say your way to publishing it on our behalf.

BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND, Hongkong Branch.

The Depot for Knitted Garments for The Royal Navy, 11a West Hillin Street, S.W., February 10th, 1940.

Albert Raymond Esq., British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, Government House, Hongkong.

Dear Sir,—With further reference to your letter of December 14th, we have to-day received delivery of the case of knitted goods for distribution to the Royal Navy, made by the ladies of Hongkong and despatched to us by the Blue Funnel line S.S. Sarpedon.

The consignment arrived in excellent condition and beautifully packed, and we are most grateful.

Would you kindly convey on behalf of this Committee, our grateful thanks to all the workers who so kindly contributed towards it?

The work done by this Depot is increasing every day, and up to the time of writing we have despatched 209,669 garments to 703 ships. We are doing our best to meet the demands which still come to us from all sections of the R.N., R.N.R., and R.N.V.R.

In case it may be of interest to you, I am sending under separate cover a copy of our first news-letter, which, although out of date now as regards figures, will give you some idea of the scope of the work we have undertaken.

With renewed and grateful thanks,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) MARGARET PRIOLEAU, Hon. Secretary.

Salaries Tax

Sir,—I see the Council are to take into consideration the suggested Salaries Tax. There has not been much discussion in your paper, owing in part to general business, but in greater part to the feeling of apathy. The extent of the resentment against the suggested Salaries Taxes has not been made apparent. Is it resented or is it regarded as a necessary temporary nuisance?

The subject goes back to before the war, when for some considerable time, the authorities have been feeling a great urge to saddle the community with an income tax. Some Government officials have exhibited their place at the prospect, so to speak, of holding the civilian population more under their thumb by such a tax. The minds of some have

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty first Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, 1940, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1940, to WEDNESDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. General Secretary, I.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.

The Inspector, 40, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.

The Inspector, 82 Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd floor.

The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.

The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

JAPANESE ON GRAVE CHARGE

As sequel to a recent case of wounding in Wanchai, Ohta Tainosaka, 47, restaurant keeper, of Tokyo, Japan, appeared before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with wounding his wife, Ohta Mitsuko, with intent to murder her on March 2.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley requested and obtained a formal remand of one week.

The alleged incident occurred at Nos. 62-63 Gloucester Road, Wanchai. The woman is at present in hospital.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (Domei).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Monday turned down the Bill calling for the application of the Neutrality Law to the Sino-Japanese conflict.

seemed to concentrate too much upon such matters as pensions to the exclusion of much else. No doubt these are exceptions in a public-spirited community of officials. I prefer to believe so.

Now, instead of a straight temporary income tax which would definitely mean payment by all the rich who could not evade, a Salaries Tax is proposed which will hit the middle-class European whose lot out here has been deteriorating year by year. The rich do not live on salaries. They will go free.

The general body of salaried employees, most of whom have no pensions nor provident funds and have difficulty in making ends meet let alone saving, are the back-bone of British life out here. They volunteer in large numbers; those who don't are roped-in, willingly, as conscripts.

The Government will now tax their salaries whilst the rich will feel hardly any sacrifice at all.

In a community which is not represented in its legislative body (for even allowing that the unofficial councillors form a partial representation, they can be outvoted by the Civil Service who are much concerned with this suggested tax) it might be better, surely, to rely upon Voluntary Contributions to our War Effort, which could be supplemented, if need be, by a tax on Government salaries only, bearing in mind that Government officials can well afford to pay such a tax and that they are relieved of economic insecurity by the pensions they rightly receive after long service.

SALARIED EMPLOYEE.

NAZI PATROL OUT IN NO-MAN'S LAND

This is a German Photograph from The Western Front. Is it real, or is it another Nazi fake?

PHOTOGRAPH on right, just received from Berlin via Japan (and passed by the British Censors) purports to reveal a Nazi patrol in No Man's Land on the Moselle sector, cutting through the French barbed wire barricades. Patrol activity has been frequent on both sides of the front lines.—Domei.

POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILES

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 28th Feb.

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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 28th Feb.

Mar. 7.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th February, Mar. 7.

Canton Mar. 7.

Shanghai and Amoy Mar. 7.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 6th Feb.) Mar. 7.

Japan and Shanghai Mar. 7.

Hankow Mar. 7.

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Saigon Mar. 8.

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Japan and Shanghai Mar. 9.

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Shanghai Mar. 9.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 2nd Mar.

Mar. 10.

Canton Mar. 10.

Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 25th January) Mar. 10.

Japan and Shanghai Mar. 10.

OUTWARD MAILES

Wednesday, Mar. 6

Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 14th March.

K.P.O.

Reg. 5.00 p.m.

Ord. 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. 5.00 p.m.

Ord. 5.30 p.m.

Bangkok 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

Canton 7.15 a.m.

Amoy 11.30 a.m.

Sandakan 11.30 a.m.

Shanghai 2.30 p.m.

Swatow 2.30 p.m.

Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, L. Marques and South Africa via Durban 3.30 p.m.

Amoy 3.30 p.m.

Manila 7.00 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 14th March.

K.P.O.

Reg. Mar. 7, 5 p.m.

Ord. Mar. 7, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. Mar. 7, 5 p.m.

Ord. Mar. 7, 5.30 p.m.

Friday, March 8

Shanghai and Japan 10.30 a.m.

Fort Bayard, and Hollow 1.30 p.m.

Tientsin (Parcel only) 2.30 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 9

Manila and Parcel only for Straits, Ceylon and Egypt 0.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa 10.30 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 5th April.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. 1.45 p.m.

Ord. 2.30 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 17 March

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. 5.00 p.m.

Ord. 5.30 p.m.

Yokohama, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 20th March.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. 5.00 p.m.

Ord. 5.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 6th April.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. Mar. 9, 8 p.m.

Ord. Mar. 9, 8.30 p.m.

Hankow 0.30 p.m.

Manila 0.30 p.m.

Monday, March 11

Canton 7.15 a.m.

Manila 7 p.m.

BRITONS MAY HAVE TO LOSE ALL LUXURIES FOR DURATION

FROM PAGE ONE

dealing with the Export Council delivered in London this evening, Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary of Overseas Trade, said: "Nothing like this Export Council has been known in England before, nor has the size of the problem they have to tackle."

"The Council is an innovation born of the exigencies of war. The task is to see that British exports increase sufficiently to pay for the materials we have to import to win the war."

The measure was forced on Britain by the conditions of the struggle, he continued, because much as it was to be preferred to devote all industrial resources to the production of munitions of war, it was not possible to do so by reason of the inability to borrow abroad.

Cash And Carry War

"To use an Americanism," Mr. Hudson said, "this is a cash and carry war."

He proceeded to explain the duties of the Export Council which, he said, had no intention of forming rigid controls but flexible groups estimating their own requirements needed to carry out their part in the scheme.

He continued: "There are two things about the plans I would like to emphasise. First, we are not trying to imitate the methods of the totalitarian states. On the contrary, we are counting on the willing co-operation of our people. We hope, too, that we shall have the willing co-operation of our customers."

"Secondly, we have no idea of taking advantage of the war to try and secure a monopoly of the world markets. Even if we wanted to, we could not spare the resources needed for such an effort. We have always preferred the ideal of a free exchange of goods among the nations of the world to the rigid bilateralism beloved of the totalitarians."

Minimum Regimentation

"We shall limit regimentation to the minimum necessity that the war enforces on us."

"To neutrals, we say we believe that we can supply what you want and we are going to do our best to do so. That there are difficulties to be overcome in doing it, we know. They will be overcome."

We shall try to sell at a fair price, and when we contract to deliver by a certain date, we will do so. The Export Council will see to that."

"Our policy is not one of forcibly feeding foreign markets. We do not want to dictate to neutrals; indeed, we cannot. We do, however, say two things: (1) If you want us to go on buying your goods rather than someone else's, you must help us by buying our goods in return; (2) We believe that a victory in this war means an assurance of freedom and liberty in the world. Anything that strengthens our economy, anything that enables us to assure the necessary supplies of materials to carry on the war helps towards that victory."

"Anyone, too, wherever he lives, who helps to strengthen our economy by buying our goods, makes his individual contribution to that victory of right over might."

Paris Communists Rounded Up

PARIS, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Twenty-one persons have been arrested following the discovery by the Police of numerous bundles of Communist pamphlets and multigraphed copies of the banned newspaper, "Humanite," in underground railway carriages in Paris.

The arrested include 16 employees of the underground railway and the former editor of "Humanite," who is alleged to have acted as leader.

U.S. MANOEUVRES IN THE CARIBBEAN

Hint For Holland—And Germany?

WASHINGTON, (UP — By AIR EXPRESS).—American naval manoeuvres off the Dutch West Indies suggested that the Navy may be preparing to defend the strategic Caribbean islands if Holland is drawn into the European war.

President Roosevelt said at his press conference that 22 naval vessels of the Atlantic squadron manoeuvring in the Caribbean will operate off and out of the Dutch islands of Curacao, Aruba, Bonaire and St. Eustatius. He said that this was no more than routine training.

More Than Coincidence

The Navy and State Department refused to comment. Diplomatic circles, however, speculated that assembly of the Atlantic squadron near the Dutch islands following recent Dutch military defence measures, might be more than coincidence.

Recently George A. Gordon, United States minister to The Netherlands conferred with Queen Wilhelmina at The Hague. The White House never disclosed the nature of the conference, but it was considered possible now that it concerned American naval operations in the West Indies.

The incident recalled Mr. Roosevelt's decision shortly after the outbreak of the European war that the United States, under the Monroe Doctrine, would not countenance:

1. Transfer of any western hemisphere territory from one European nation to another.
2. Transfer of any western hemisphere territory to a non-American power.

Informed sources hinted that there may be significance in Mr. Roosevelt's decision to send the Atlantic squadron on "good neighbour" calls to the tiny Netherlands Indies at a time when the Netherlands government apparently considers itself endangered.

Warning To Nazis?

The manoeuvres precipitated semi-official speculation that the incident might imply:

1. A warning to Germany and all other European powers that revision of the Netherlands government's status quo could not result in change of ownership of the Dutch West Indies.
2. A demonstration that the United States fleet is prepared to defend the strategically vital Caribbean approaches to the Panama Canal.
3. That the lines of western hemisphere defences run along and through islands owned by European nations as well as territory of the Americas.

4. Active Atlantic squadron preparation for any eventuality by familiarising officers with harbours, navigation conditions, topography and populations of the tiny but important islands.

Mr. Roosevelt did not say that Curacao, Aruba, Bonaire and St. Eustatius are all Dutch islands, in revealing the locale of the naval manoeuvres. One source suggested that the squadron obviously could not have been sent to British or French Caribbean possessions in view of war conditions. But the same source also pointed out that it would have been possible to send the fleet to the waters of neutral American nations in the Caribbean rather than to the four Netherlands' islands.

Two summonses taken out by the Fire Brigade Department were heard by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

Ng Sin, the Manager of the Portland Theatre, Portland Street, admitted the obstruction of the three gangways at the Theatre by 26 persons, on February 15, and was fined \$50.

Fire Danger

Mr. Macfadyen pointed out to defendant the danger arising from possible fire risks. The exits had to be always free enough in case of any untoward incident.



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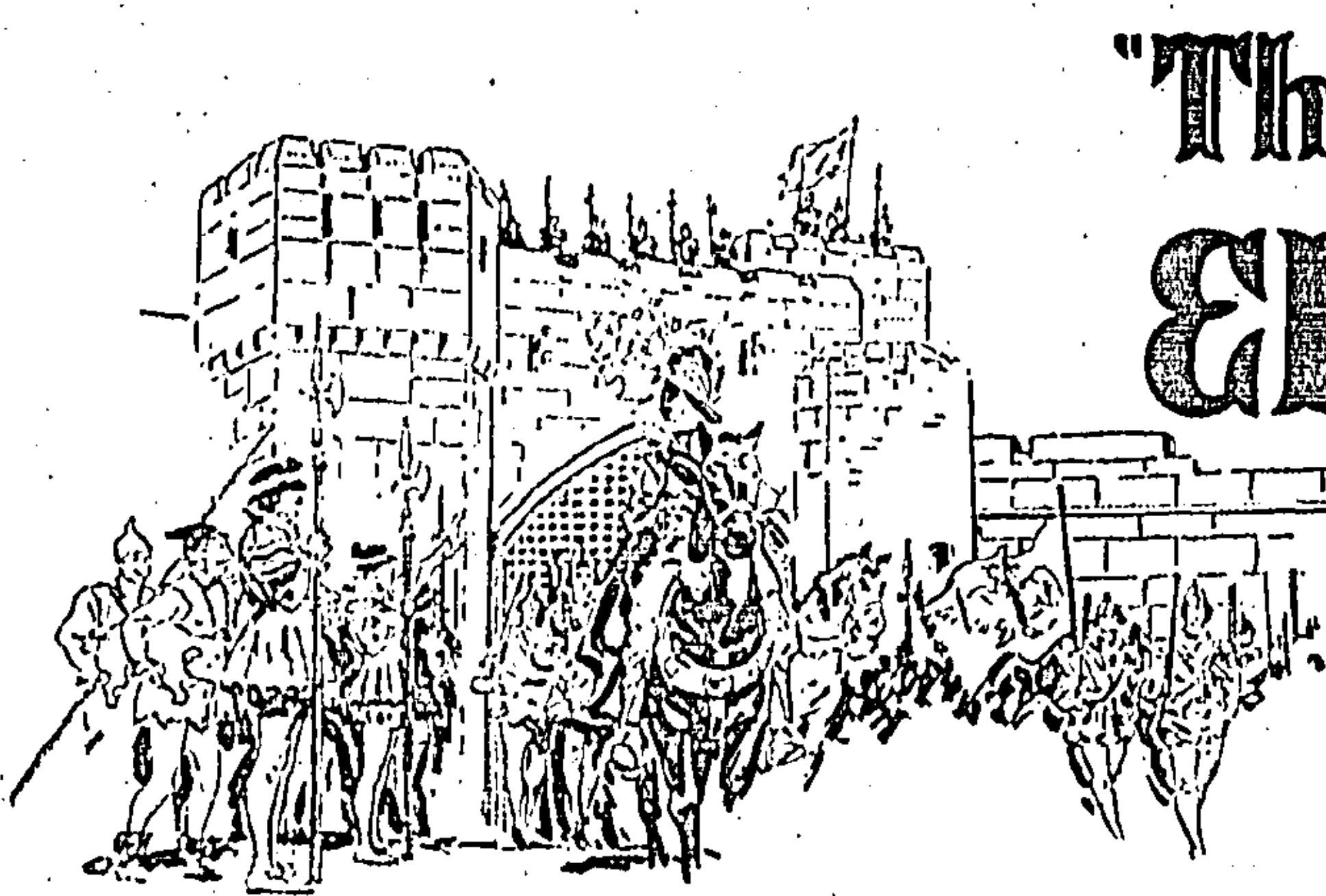
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"OUT with it, Bacon!" Essex spoke impatiently, looking down at the royal messenger from his prancing charger, the sharp talons of his hooded falcon gripped around his gauntleted wrist.

"You've not come this long way just to bid the time of day!" Then his voice softened. "Was it the Queen herself who sent you?"

"Yes, my lord Essex, and Her Majesty says . . ."

"I can guess what she says," exclaimed Essex eagerly. "She sends me her dear love, and begs me to return! Ah, if she could but know how greatly I've longed for this moment . . ."

"Your desires out-race fact, my lord! The Queen commands . . ."

"Commands, does she!" he broke in sharply.

"Bacon!" he defeated in Ireland! Her Majesty needs you in London, and commands you to your duty!"

"Does she take me for a servant? She insults me before the entire court, then, when an emergency comes, and she finds she needs a man to help her, she commands me to return! The devil with her and with Ireland, too! I'll stay here till England rings with an apology from her, as public as her affront!"

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"SOFTLY, my lord!" warned Bacon with a grim smile. "If you lose your head now, you'll lose it in earnest later on! Have

THE STORY THUS FAR: London, 1596. The Earl of Essex and his subordinates, Sir Walter Raleigh and Lord Howard are summoned before Queen Elizabeth on their return from the successful storming of Cadiz in Spain. Essex—with whom the Queen is notoriously infatuated—is enraged when Elizabeth, instead of praising him for heroism, denounces him as having been actuated by selfishness, and elevates Raleigh and Howard to places of honour. Essex angrily protests and the Queen strikes him across the face. He turns his back on her and leaves London. Her armies are defeated in Ireland and Francis Bacon suggests that she order Essex back to lead a new army. Telling Bacon she wants Essex back, alive and with her, but not in Ireland to be killed, she sends him to bring Essex back.

you forgotten you're talking about the Queen?"

"Queen!" retorted Essex contemptuously, "she's nothing but the great-granddaughter of a Welsh puntrman! My fathers stood with King John at Runnymede! As I told you before, Bacon, I'll stay here!"

"That'll be welcome news to these about the Queen!"

"What do you mean?"

"Haven't you heard? Cecil, laden with honours—Coke appointed Attorney-General—and Raleigh steadily worming himself into favour! Yes, every day the wily Sir Walter grows nearer to her in counsel, closer in her affections!"

"You say that Raleigh—the nincompoop—is . . ."

"She's just given him now silver armour, the magnificence of which fairly blinds the sun!"

"Hmmm-m . . . and closer in her affections, you say . . ."

"For lack, my lord, of someone dearer . . . She still loves you; but being a woman, she has her pride . . ."

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"So has a man . . . and he can hang on to it longer." "Having the stiffer neck?" "Bah!" ejaculated Essex, roughly fondling his falcon. "There's no

Of course I'll go back, at once! It is my duty as a soldier!"

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IN the wide torch-lit hall outside the Queen's private apartments were gentlemen pensioners, ladies-in-waiting, servant in livery—and Sir Walter Raleigh, resplendent in his silver armour, gift of Her Majesty.

When Lady Penelope Grey entered from an inner room he caught her arm and with elaborate courtesy said, "I'll lay you a wager, my dear, that you're rushing to the window to see Essex arrive! Tell me, what sort of a reception will he get?"

"One that will little please you!" "And one," he retorted, "that will please you even less! So run, my lady! Run quickly, lest you miss this romantic fellow, who gives his favours so easily and so readily!"

Even as he spoke, his own came in, each wearing shining armour, precisely like his own! They explained that it had been presented to them as they came off guard, and that they had been instructed to put it on at once!

In the midst of his fury and amazement, Essex strode in. "Greetings, Sir Walter!" he cried gleefully, looking him up and down. "By the Mass, you're even more splendid than I'd imagined!"

"I've borne enough from you, my lord," shouted Raleigh, whipping out his blade.

The keen blades were crossing as Bacon sprang forward and threw them up with his point.

"Have you forgotten, Sir Walter," Bacon said with a faintly knowing smile, "that Her Majesty awaits my lord Essex!"

Sailors Form Human Chain To Save Man Frozen To A Raft HORRORS OF THE DOMALA TRAGEDY

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—An interview with Chief Officer Brown of the British India ship Domala was broadcast from Daventry yesterday.

Just before 6 p.m. on Saturday, he said, the Domala was steaming along. It was fairly dark but there was a certain amount of light from the waning moon. He was the Officer-in-watch at the time with the Captain on the bridge.

They were sailing along in fairly rough water when they saw a big black plane coming towards them, flying very low.

Its navigation lights led them to think it was friendly but that was just trickery.

The plane swooped past their masts and disappeared dropping no bombs and firing no guns.

Hit Amidships
They were just thinking that they were safe when the machine roared back and dropped a high explosive incendiary bomb which hit amidships, went through the deck and exploded in the engine room sending smoke fumes all over the ship.

Flames soon started to spring up. The Captain gave the order to abandon ship.

Part of the crew ran to man the anti-aircraft gun but before they could do anything the plane came back overhead and while some of the crew were trying to get away in boats, two more bombs were dropped amidships.

The whole of the middle of the ship was blazing and roaring like an inferno.

Machine-Gunned
As the plane came back for the fourth time, the anti-aircraft gun opened fire and the fourth bomb fell harmlessly into the water.

As the plane roared overhead it raked the decks with machine-gun bullets as it tried to kill the anti-aircraft gun crew and then disappeared.

A destroyer came to the rescue together with a Dutch ship.

"You can make all the fuss you can about those naval chaps," said Mr. Brown, "they were simply grand. People like me have them to thank for being alive."

The destroyer first picked up the men in boats and on rafts.

Mr. Brown said that he was at the stern with some of the passengers and members of the crew.

The destroyer tried to come along—

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NEW YORK, Mar. 5 (UP).—The British tanker El Cervo (5,841 tons) has been silent since she reported yesterday that she was being chased by a submarine 1,700 miles east of Havana—outside the Pan American safety zone.

Arabs And The Allies

Boyrouth Newspaper's Plebiscite

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Continuing the plebiscite on why Arabs should support the Allies, the Boyrouth paper, "Annahar," published a statement by Muhyiddin Nusouli, a noted Muslim journalist and politician.

Nusouli declares: "I want the Allies to win the war because I believe that authority should be in the hands of the community and not the individual, that nations should not be divided into masters and slaves, and that the principles of right and justice should supersede those of Nietzsche and Michioveti, which have inspired Nazi activities during the last three years."

The statement concludes: "The democracies have struggled in the last few years against aggressive forces, but the bright and happy future which awaits humanity when the Allies win the war is worth all these precious sacrifices, and the Arabs will certainly share the fruits of victory and the happy future."

Badminton Singles Result

P. S. BUN entered the second round of the Colony men's senior singles badminton championship when he beat H. B. Teoh by 15-3, 15-0 on the University courts recently.

have lost all sense of reason and all instincts of humanity."

The newspaper considers that the brutality of the German airman was accentuated by the fact that the Indian victims were those whom the Germans had held prisoners since the outbreak of war but had consented to repatriate.

The "Latouche Tribune" says: "The reports of butchery done by the Germans have created a wave of anger in India. India will not forget this act of Nazi brutality."

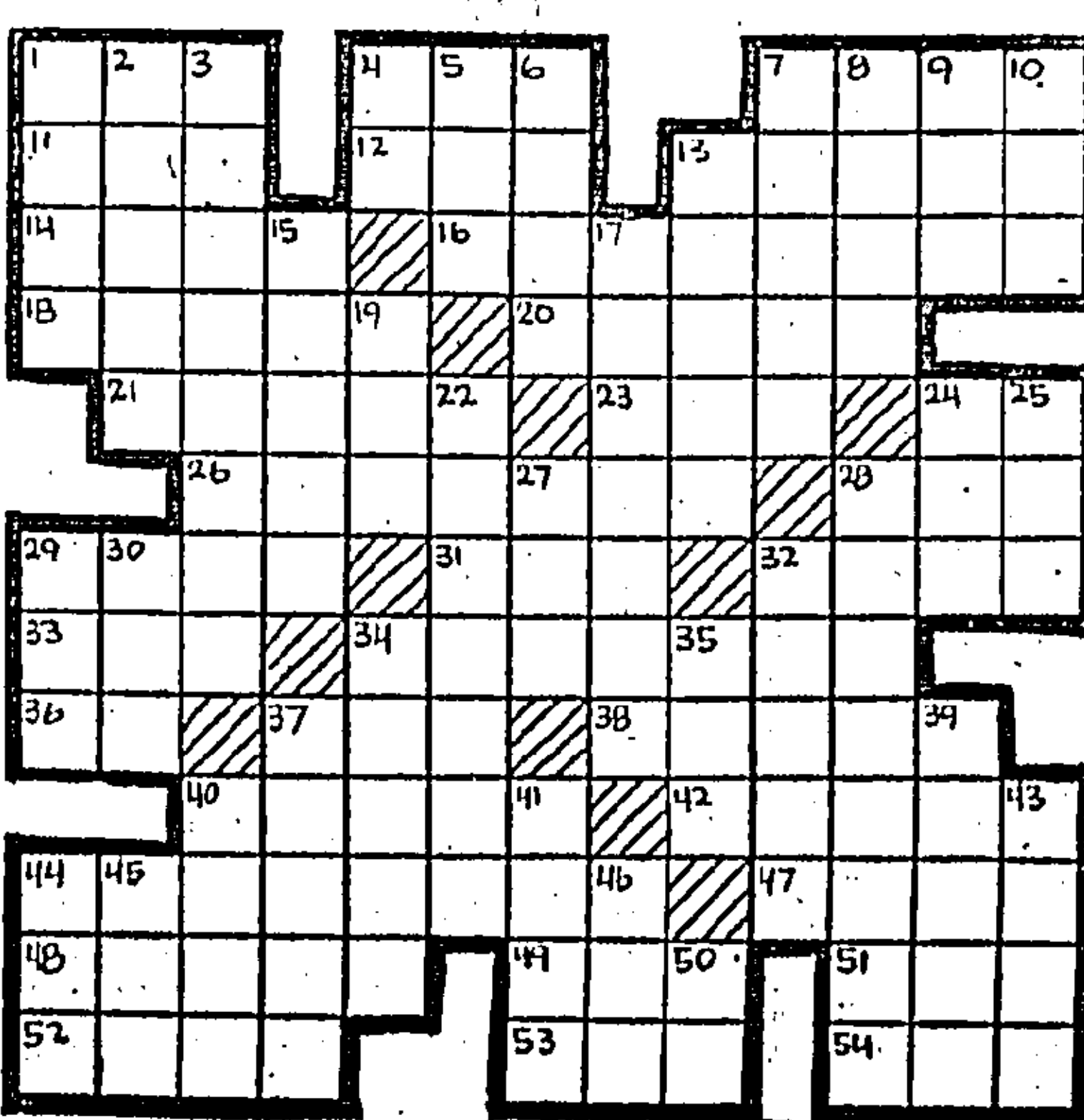
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Crossword Puzzle

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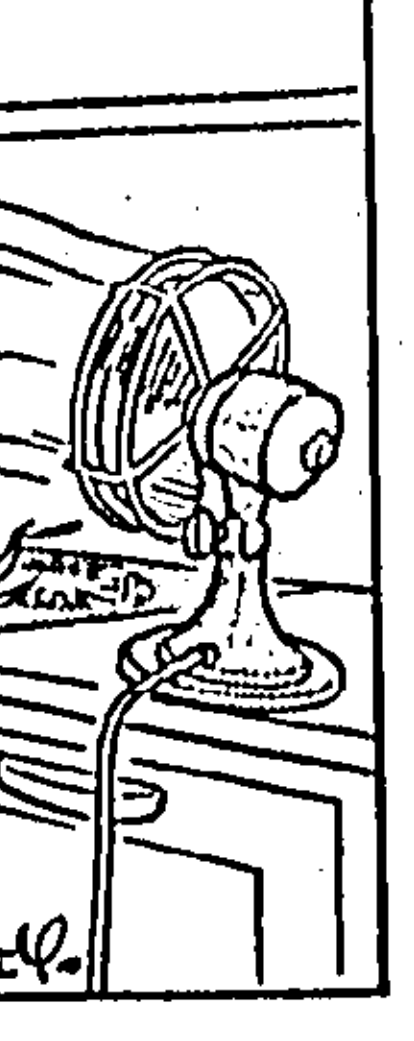
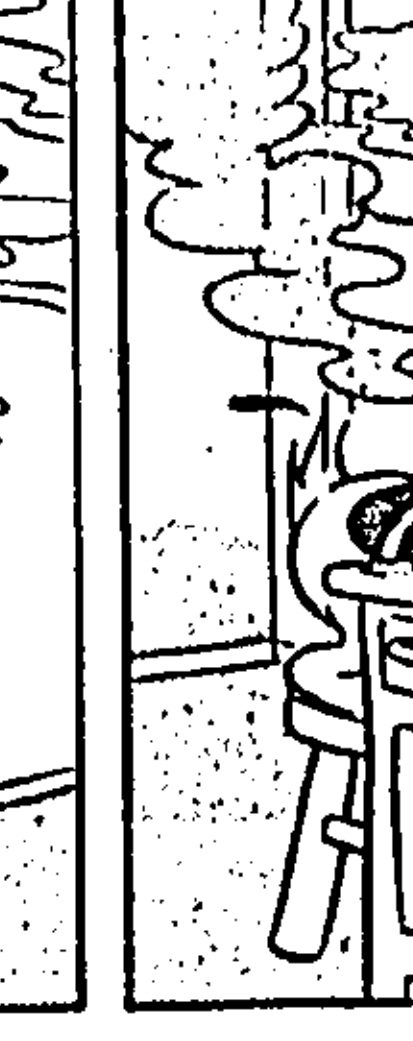
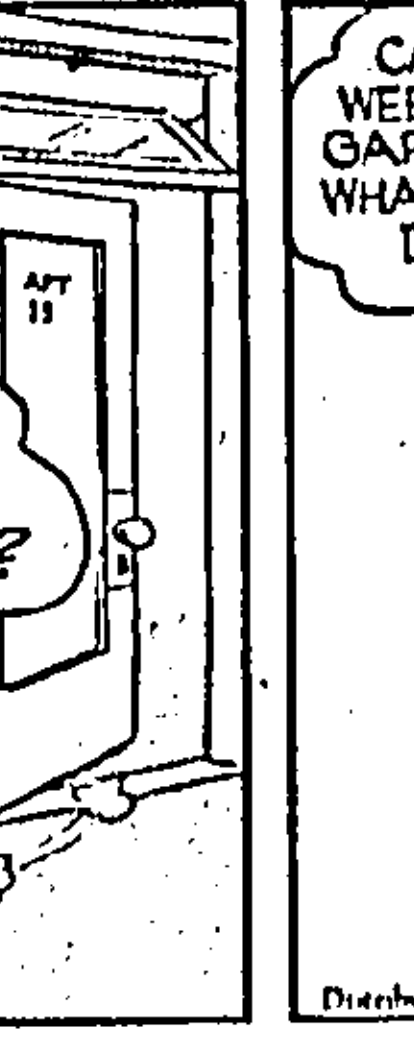
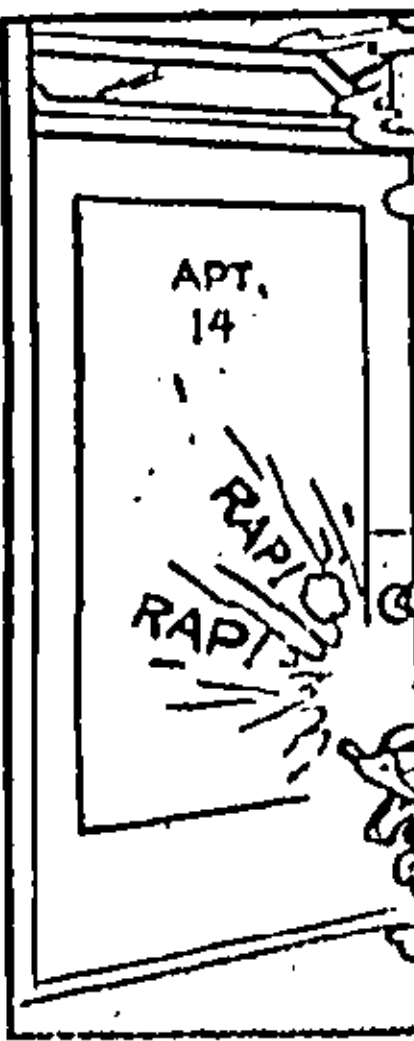
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7—Liberal
11—Lord Palmerston
12—Kipling
13—Riotous gap
14—God of love
15—Puritan
16—Trench
19—Child's apostles
21—Arabian chieftain
23—Large tub
24—Perkin
25—Went in
26—Free
27—Duke
31—(Crown)
32—(Crown)
33—That things
34—Annuity
35—Baby word for father
37—Unit
38—Pike date
40—Jest
42—Attract strongly
43—Butterfat syrup
45—Influent
46—Human ruler
47—Long felt
51—Color

DOWN
2—French city
3—Buccinate
5—Hail-tem
6—Lax base
8—Terminates
9—Cousin
10—Embryo
17—Strike
18—Monogram
20—Small worm
22—Rice
28—Strike
29—American humorist
30—Small house
36—Hole
39—American humorist
41—Hurry
44—Hurry
48—Philistine negrito
49—Sneaking device
50—Needle
52—Indian memorial
53—Foot
54—Wild carousal
55—Harrow opening
56—Lock anemously
57—Herald for drains
58—Human
59—Short poem
60—Observe
61—Chinese measure



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"Them movies are the bunk, Junior—no white man ever got the best of an Indian!"

By REUEL S. MOORE
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON. (UP).—The Royal Air Force feat of shooting down a German Heinkel HE 111 bomber on English territory recently revealed one of Germany's most valuable air secrets, this correspondent learned to-day.

The plane was equipped with "puncture-proof" fuel tanks.

Fuel tanks are one of the most vulnerable parts of a plane, as their size makes them good targets and they are difficult to protect with armour. A punctured fuel tank has the double hazard of fire and loss of fuel far from the base.

Britain has long wanted to know how to make practical puncture-proof tanks. They made such a tank years ago, but they were too heavy for ordinary use. Now they know how to make light ones, using the German formula.

The German tank contains no metal other than pipe connections and filling caps. Inside, there is something like a thin fibre suitcase braced with ribs. This is covered with a layer of buckskin to retain the gas if a bullet shatters the fibre. Next, there is a layer of natural raw rubber, one-eighth of an inch thick covered by a very thin layer of vulcanized rubber.

This container is placed inside a vulcanized rubber case which is slung in the wings with straps. Where the pipeline passes through the container, a special rubber cap has been placed. If gasoline starts to leak, this causes the rubber to swell until it fills the hole.

German Planes

The HE 111 and Dornier DO 17 are the types of German planes seen most frequently over Britain's neighbouring waters. Only three German planes have actually been downed on British soil. Others have plunged into the sea nearby. From time to time, German fliers have been rescued off pneumatic boats or their bodies recovered in the North Sea.

The British are knocking down raiders crossing her coasts despite the puncture-proof tanks, but it is likely the score would be higher if the Germans did not possess this feature.

About 35 enemy planes have also been brought down by RAF fighters and anti-aircraft batteries over Britain and neighbouring waters.

In contrast to the damage British bombers have done to German bombers, not one British fighting plane has been lost on the home front in numerous encounters.

The British say this speaks well for the principal defensive features of the British bombers and reconnaissance planes, namely the multi-gun turret. Conversely, the figures reflect but little credit on defensive armaments of German planes.

Although statistically the performance of the German bombers is creditable, the British say their bombing powers have not yet proved seriously destructive. The only casualties on British soil have been the now-famous rabbit and three sheep on the Shetland Islands.

Naval circles claim the Germans have scored only three hits on naval craft with bombs, and add—with no little irony—that their greatest success has been against unarmed fishing boats.

FRANCE BUILDING 465 m.p.h. BOMBERS

FIGHTER bombers capable of long flights at 465 miles an hour, fighters with a speed of 406 m.p.h., are now being turned out rapidly by the French Government air factory at Villacoublay, near Paris.

Output of military aircraft by France's nationalised aircraft factories is "now immensely greater than it was on the outbreak of war, and American warplanes account for only a small proportion of France's front line air strength, according to official figures I have seen.

My informant said: "Already on active service we have one twin-engine fighter which we believe can beat the Messerschmitt 110.

"It is the Duguet 602. Then there is a Dewoitine fighter that is much better than the Nazis' Me. 109.

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THEIR MAJESTIES TOUR WEST ENGLAND



Their Majesties the King and Queen chatting to girls engaged in fabric covering during their recent tour of aircraft factories in west England.

Nancy Is Mrs. Batman No. 1

LORD GORT has never seen Mrs. Eileen Cox (Nancy to her family). But Lord Gort has her to thank for endless little comforts which make his life easier in France.

Nancy is the woman who looks after the man who looks after Lord Gort. Nancy (born Eileen Roberts twenty-seven years ago) has been Mrs. Edgar Mons Cox, and Mr. Cox, twenty-five-year-old R.A.S.C. corporal, is Lord Gort's batman. But her subtle influence on the living comforts of the Commander-in-Chief of the B.E.F. began long ago.

She made Corporal Cox happy in a score of little things to do with the niceties of housekeeping whenever he called at the flat she shares with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Price, in Hammer-smith, W. Corporal Cox remembered those attentions when he got his batman's job.

So it is due largely to Nancy that Lord Gort's blankets are tucked firmly in at the bottom of his bed, that his dressing-gown is warmed, that his uniforms stay straight on their hangers.

He Can Cook Too

When Corporal Cox came home to be married last week the first thing Nancy handed him was a new pair of bedroom slippers.

Even in her hurried preparations to be married she found time to mend some of her sweetheart's socks and sew on a few buttons. He had not had time for those jobs himself. Before his leave the general's chief was taken ill, so Corporal Cox had to cook as well as do his usual housework and the "spit and polish."

Nancy had read of the cold in the French B.E.F. billets, and for the few nights that her sweetheart stayed at her sister's house she tucked a hot-water bottle in his bed for him.

For the Coxes there is little new about a war. Edgar was named Mons because of his father's lucky escape in that battle; Nancy's father was killed in action.

Edgar has been teaching her the subtleties of French cooking. He likes now to call soup "polage," and steak "Chateaubriand." She says they taste as good by the English names.

She will send him off at the end of their week's honeymoon in Dorset with his stripes and special proficiency badge sewed neatly on his overcoat, instead of pinned, as they were when he arrived. She will send him off with some new ideas for Lord Gort's comfort. She will send him off looking forward to the day when she can be Mr. Cox's batman.

FIRING PRACTICE

Firing practice will be carried out between 6 p.m. and midnight to-day the Royal artillery advises. Firing area "A" will be affected.

MAURETANIA'S GUNS



Slave Traffic In Shanghai

Japanese Forcibly Abduct Coolies

SHANGHAI, Mar. 6. (Reuter).—Despite repeated denials of the practice by Japanese spokesmen here, the "North China Daily News" says that it has received definite confirmation of widespread reports that the Japanese are forcibly removing young Chinese men from the area north of Soochow Creek and using them on work projects in Pootung.

The newspaper declares that a number of concrete cases, such as abductions in Chapel, Hongkew, Wayside and Yangtszepoo have come to light, indicating an organised "slave traffic" which fully justifies the apprehension now felt by the Chinese population generally.

Coolie's Story

In one instance, a coolie is said to have been taken to a labour concentration camp in Pootung, where he was lodged with about 100 others under an armed guard of Japanese and Chinese. He managed to escape and tell his story.

These abductions have had a marked discouraging effect on the return of Chinese to the northern area and have created a state there approaching panic.

Mill-workers, delivery coolies and others having business over the bridges are now reluctant to go into the area, while male servants of families residing to the north of Soochow Creek are fearful of appearing on the streets, especially after dark.

The "North China Daily News" then quotes various cases in evidence of the virtual slave traffic.

Matrimonial Peace For Stan Laurel

Third Wife Agrees To Settlement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 6 (UP).—Stan Laurel, much-married, mournful English film comedian and partner of Oliver Hardy, has finally settled his matrimonial troubles.

His third wife, whom he married at three separate ceremonies last year, Illana, the Russian blues singer whose former name was Vera Shuvalova, has agreed to accept \$1,000 in settlement of her claims against him.

Stan and Illana were first married on January 1, 1938, at Yuma, Arizona. Stan found his second wife, the former Mrs. Virginia Ruth Rogers, from whom he had obtained a divorce on the previous day, was staying in the same hotel in Yuma.

"Marrying Complex"

Virginia tried to have the divorce declared invalid, but the Courts decided against her.

Then Stan and Illana married a second time. They married a third time in April, 1938, and announced that they might get married in every State.

Virginia once said of Stan: "He has a marrying complex."

The Laurel-Hardy partnership broke up last year. But neither was successful without the other and they joined the Hal Roach studios shortly afterwards to produce "A Chump at Oxford," first of a series of new films they are to make. It was screened in Hongkong this week.

FRENCH EXTEND LINES

By MILES HANDLER
(UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

WITH THE FRENCH FORCES IN THE FIELD. (UP).—Sporadic artillery fire, snow and an occasional day of freezing weather have not prevented the French army from building hundreds of reinforced concrete blockhouses.

Extensive works have been built between the Maginot Line forts everywhere along the Saar front in an effort to strengthen the entire French defensive system.

French officers furnished this correspondent with important facts concerning the nature and efficacy of enemy batteries.

Enemy guns usually remain silent during the day. Shelling begins at dusk, and continues in volume and momentum during the night. There was plenty of evidence to substantiate claims French officers made during this writer's recent inspection.

On a visit to a plateau which had been intensively shelled by enemy batteries recently, and which is still subjected to intermittent fire, the correspondents counted many shell holes a considerable distance from the Maginot forts or the new blockhouses under construction.

On the other hand, French officers claimed their gunners had on occasion silenced enemy batteries which annoyed them. According to these officers, the French gunners can, with the assistance of adequate observation reports, destroy an enemy gun with ease.

Many Blockhouses

Intensive construction of fortifications is seen everywhere along the Saar front. This construction seems to belie the view of the French command that the Germans will ultimately launch an offensive against the Maginot line.

The blockhouses mentioned above are situated at relatively short intervals between the Maginot forts. In dangerous sectors, these blockhouses are within sight of each other at distances varying between one-half to one kilometer.

Each blockhouse is constructed with two apertures, each facing one fort so as to maintain continuous lateral cross-fire with a gunner from the nearest fort. Two gunners inside the blockhouse are equipped with light machineguns and telephone cables to the fort commanders. Being small objectives and of heavy reinforced concrete, the blockhouses are practically invulnerable to enemy artillery.

Powerful Forts

One of the fort commanders explained that the ultimate objective in his sector was to reduce the use of field infantry and hold the ground with small units of men armed with automatic weapons and stationed inside concrete fortifications.

One of the exposed positions visited by this correspondent is held by a few hundred men inside three extremely powerful forts, connected with tunnels 32 meters below the surface level. The commander of the sector is a brilliant young major, with five orders of equal rank under his orders. From his post 32 meters below the surface, he can issue orders simultaneously or individually to three fort commanders. He is also connected by cable telephone to general headquarters.

In the lower Rhine sector this writer visited a blockhouse under construction a short distance from the river banks and within sight of the enemy. At some points, blockhouses are being built on top of dykes while others extend into the area.

At this particular sector on the Rhine, where the river narrows to a point so that French and German positions are separated only by the river banks and the water, this writer was able to obtain a direct view of the enemy casemats from a garret window of an abandoned house on the river banks.

Construction activity is seen everywhere within sight of the enemy. The occasional roaring of guns have definitely created a war psychology among the officers and men in contrast with the nearly normal peacetime atmosphere prevailing in the interior of France.

33 Men Adrift For Five Days

THIRTY-THREE men, crowded into a small boat with food for only 15, were adrift in the Atlantic for five days. Thirteen of them died.

One by one, the men who died were driven mad by hunger and thirst. In their frenzy they tried to bite themselves and their exhausted comrades.

Three times the men who were left alive had the bitterness of seeing a ship that might have rescued them sail away, apparently ignoring their signals.

This was the story of suffering told by some of the 20 survivors from the Greek ship Eleni Stathos (9,000 tons) on an Elre port.

"The second night adrift, two men died after first going mad," said Michael Ryan, an able seaman, of Tullinbrack, Co. Limerick.

"Next morning two or three more were dead and we had to go through the ordeal of another hasty burial. Two or three more died on Wednesday and the last two died on Thursday morning."

Then three ships in quick succession passed without seeing their distress signals.

"I cannot help wondering how that latest ordeal of us crazy," added Ryan.

"We Had To Sit On Them" With tears in his eyes Chief Engineer Dimitrios Pangos described how his compatriots were driven insane. He said the second mate jumped in the sea.

"Then," he added, "another tried to bite himself before trying to bite the rest of us. It was the same with the whole thirteen."

"We had to pull them down and sit on them. I was frightened when I found one sailor sitting beside me had lost his speech. He put out his tongue to show how it had shrunk and then he died."

Captain Dimitrios Grados, skipper of the lost ship, wounded in head,

Sea Lions Allergic To Blue-Shirts

BOSTON (U.P.).—Three sea lions at Marine Park Aquarium go on a hunger strike every time an attendant in a blue shirt tries to feed them.

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An Orgy Of Lies

MANY people in this and neutral countries must be puzzled as well as astonished by the mad excesses of untruth in which the compounders of the Nazi war bulletins are at present indulging. Recently they have easily surpassed all their own previous best, or worst, efforts.

The campaign of lies has been conducted with clumsiness and recklessness that are bound to defeat themselves. Everyone remembers the notorious case of the Ark Royal. The Nazis' attempts to prove that she had been sunk were a serious blunder. The British Admiralty could easily produce the aircraft carrier; and her recent appearance in South African waters and in the South Atlantic gave fresh piquancy to this particular example of German mendacity.

Then there was the report that a heavy cruiser of the London class had been sunk by Commander Prien, the hero of Scapa Flow. The Nazis did not follow up this particular wild-goose with the determination they showed in the case of the Ark Royal. Still, these stories serve their fleeting purpose, which is the gulling of the credulous section of the German public until some other canard is produced to send them into fresh patriotic raptures.

Already neutral countries have begun to perceive clearly that nothing coming from the Nazi news machine can be believed. Like much else in Germany, it is ersatz. If, every time the Germans experience the misfortunes of war, there is to be an orgy of lying, Munchausen himself will be displaced from his hitherto unchallenged eminence by that other notorious Baron, the Great Hee-Haw of Hamburg, and Dr. Goebbels's other obedient mouthpieces. "To lie like a Nazi" will pass into a proverb.

BEWARE STALIN'S MEN

and the warning comes from British Labour Party

"JOSEPH STALIN still has accomplices, paid and unpaid, in this country, where the truth is not hidden from them. 'Stalin's Men' had at once changed their step and followed their Leader. Their old pamphlets, speeches, articles, and manifestos were consigned to their ample demagogic dustbins.

"They listened to the voice of Moscow, compared notes with Berlin, shouted that they wanted peace with Hitler, and joined the Unity Mitfords of the Right in a chorus of vituperation against the British and French 'war-mongers.'"

This is the official voice and warning of the British Labour Party in a 28-page booklet issued for distribution to all their members—booklet entitled "Finland. The criminal conspiracy of Stalin and Hitler."

No ordinary political pamphlet, this. Far from it. "A spade shall be called a spade," say its authors, and it is probable that nothing so strong in denunciation has ever before been issued by any responsible British political party.

"Blackmail and Brutality"

HERE are some examples of the phrases—justifiable phrases—employed:
The real depth of iniquity of M. Joseph Stalin is still unknown. His 30 pieces of silver are already stained with the blood of his own nameless and countless Russian dead.

M. Joseph Stalin and Herr Adolf Hitler embraced over the prostrate body of Poland.
Whether M. Joseph Stalin devours those whom he loves, whether he was under the hypnotic spell of Adolf the Conqueror or Peter the Great, or whether he was now the victim of new morbid anxieties, the reader is at liberty to speculate.

The Finns are the victims of a policy of deception, blackmail, trickery, cynicism, and brutality not dissimilar to the subtle cruelty of Japanese militarism, but exceeding in cunning and dissimulation the diplomacy of Russian Czarism and Nazi Germany.

"A new precedent in international perfidy" ... "The grim joke of the Finnish People's Government" ... "The Red Czar is now the executor of the traditional imperialism of Czarist Russia"—such phrases drip like vitriol from the pen.

And between them, interlarding a well-told narrative of the events which led up to the "rape of Finland"—and to what else yet to come?—there runs constantly the warning expressed so directly by quotation at the start of this article.

A New Slavery

A WARNING against "Stalin's Men"—the description as a new title of shame is constantly repeated—a warning against Stalin's Men in our own land.

Mr. Harry Pollitt is named, that Mr. Harry Pollitt who is now Communist candidate in the Silvertown by-election.

Of him this pamphlet notes that among the birthday congratulations sent to Stalin and published in the Soviet newspaper Pravda on December 24 last appeared a message from Mr. Harry Pollitt among "a torrent of congratulations."

A second list, this record adds, appeared under the heading "Greetings" from the Central Committee of 11 Communist Parties, including the British. "The texts are not printed. M. Joseph Stalin has a new sense of relative values."

Listen, too, to this:
Stalin's apologists defend tyranny either because they do not know, or those who know refuse to tell, that Fascism and Bolshevism have identical political systems. The Russian Communist Party is no longer even the semblance of a Party.

Even now these emissaries of a foreign despotism refuse to see through the disguise of the Red Czar, who has used a new social and political system to invent a new kind of slavery for the Russian people.

Well, the leaders of the Labour Party ought to know. For years they have fought a successful running fight against the insidious instruction of Communists into their official ranks.

Less Than A Year Ago
STALIN'S division of spoils with Hitler, the faithful copy of Nazi methods of propaganda, the pretence of provocation as an excuse for war, the presentation of impossible demands, the pretence of "liberation"—all of the vile technique is revealed by the booklet with the bitter inclusiveness of completed truth.

But what, after all, could be more mordant now than the quotation, in the preface, of a speech made by

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Stalin so short a time ago as March of last year, when he said:
"We stand for peaceful, close and friendly relations with all the neighbouring countries which have common frontiers with the U.S.S.R.?"

And so to the blood bath of the Mannerheim Line.
Certainly a document that everyone should read. Those to whom it is not distributed (as members of the Labour Party) can obtain a copy from the Labour Publication Department, Transport House, London, S.W.1. Price, including postage, 2½d.

John Crofton

YOU will soon see them on the news reels, seven or eight young fellows in clothes that don't quite fit, and you will hear them say how nice it is to be a sailor home from the sea.

Those won't be hackneyed sentiments, for they come from men who for three months or more have been battered down under iron hatches with 300 other British seamen in the Nazi prison ship Altmärk.

Four days ago, unwashed and unshaven, wearing tattered and torn clothes that had survived hours in open boats, days or weeks in the Graf Spee, and the Horrible Hundred Days in the Altmärk, they were without hope of wash, shave, new clothes, or a square meal—much less their freedom.

Then the Navy arrived ... but you know all that.
Now you see them transformed, washed, shaved, in new clothes, having had a square meal, and talking at their freedom into a British Movietone microphone at a Sailors' Home in the East End.

"We are made to feel like Hollywood film stars," grins Taffy Jenkins, of the Doric Star and the Queen's Hotel, Carmarthen.

Who has earned the tribute?
The Altmärk's prisoners owe their rescue to the Navy, but credit for their present newly groomed and well-fed condition goes to organisations whose work for survivors of torpedoed and mined British merchantmen has cost them some £50,000 since the war began.

Food And Clothes
ONE of these organisations is the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society. Others include the British Sailors' Society and the Sailors' Home and Red Ensign Club.

When the men from the Altmärk were landed at Leth they were met by agents of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society. These agents provided the men first of all with clothing, then arranged for their hospitality or supplied them with railway warrants and money to get home.

London offered a "home-coming" to those who for one reason or other

could not get to their families straight away: Australians and New Zealanders among them. They went to the 300-and-odd bedded Empire Memorial Hall of the British Sailors' Society at Limehouse, E.

This super-hotel for seafarers where Taffy Jenkins and his shipmates found "safe anchor" shares with the Sailors' Home in Stepney the responsibility of caring for all the war-shipwrecked men who return homeless from sea.

Here the men are lodged, fed, and entertained—billiards-rooms, cards and domino rooms, and a cinema show are just incidental to the hospitality—until they go home or find a new ship. If they have no money, their food, lodging, and clothes are bought by the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society. The Sailors' Society bear the other expenses.

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BUT you have only to talk to him to discover that the British seadog is a very independent fellow. When he gets his money he insists on paying for himself, whether he has been sunk or not. He can live "like a sea lord" at the Empire Hall or the Sailors' Home for 2s. 6d. a day—a sleeping cabin and four meals a day inclusive.

The Shipwrecked Mariners' Society have already spent £13,000 on "war relief" for 3,888 survivors from 140 British and 38 neutral ships.

The British Sailors' Society spends £110,000 a year in peace time. Its war-time bill is going to be at least £160,000 a year.

Mr. Herbert Barker, the society's secretary, says the job of catering for the men who come ashore to shore is leading to the creation of new and larger hotels at almost every centre. South Shields now has a club exclusively for the use of mined or torpedoed mariners.

The funny thing is (or isn't it?) that none of these war-sunk sailors wants to stay ashore. All are eager to get to sea again, regardless of Nazi mines and U-boats.

Usually their companies find them another ship, if not with their own line then with some other. But if it is not possible to get a berth soon

enough that way, then the Shipping Federation and the National Union of Seamen are ready to help them.

There is not much need to go snooping round docks for a ship just now—not if you are an experienced seafarer. And the men who have survived raiders and U-boats and magnetic mines can count themselves as immersed in experience. Especially the 300 who survived the Altmärk.

These rescued men are just about to draw two months' pay—for they haven't, you realise, had a day's wages since they were intercepted by the Graf Spee in her sea-going days.

Some of them had their pay cut short by the Nazis as long ago as the first week in October. Even those whose vessels were most recently sunk have not been paid for three months.

What The Law Says
THE law says that the shipowners are liable for the payment of two months' wages to a merchant seaman after his ship has been lost through enemy action. Alternatively, they can find the man a new berth in lieu of indemnity.

But here is the rub:
"Never before has there been a case of men from vessels sunk by the enemy returning as late as three months after the sinking. Hitherto the men from lost British ships have always returned within the two months covered by indemnity payment."

That was how an official of the National Union of Seamen put it. "But I don't expect there'll be any difficulty," he said. "It's just a matter of negotiation."

In the meantime they collect the two months' pay.
"And after you've had a bit of a holiday on that," observes Taffy Jenkins, "back to sea we'll go again. We can't let the Navy down now."

Daniel Gosling, a 60-years-old lamp-fitter from the Taff, confirmed that sentiment. "We had 40 years at sea," he said. "You don't think I'm going to chuck it now, do you?"

Arthur Pugh

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Around The Courses

NAVAL DOCKYARD SCORES AGAIN

A.E. Davies Wins Captain's Cup Competition At Kowloon G.C.

BRILLIANT RECORD FOR PORTSMOUTH PLAYER

(By "Birdie")

THE ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD is particularly fortunate in its golfers this year. What J. T. Smith has done at Fanling, A. E. Davies is doing at Kowloon, for since last writing of this latter player, when he annexed the Kowloon G.C. Club Championship from R. K. Collings, after turning four down, he has won the Captain's Cup. The final for this trophy was played on Sunday afternoon, and he beat T. Lamb (9) by 4 and 3.

This is the first occasion at Kowloon on which a player has won both the Club Championship and the Captain's Cup in the same year. In his possession now are the Coogan Cup (1939), the Junior Championship (1939), the St. John of Jerusalem Trophy, the Visitor's Cup at Fanling, the Club Championship and the Captain's Cup.

Davies is a Chief Physical Training Instructor in the Royal Naval Dockyard, and his home club is Portsmouth.

On Sunday, Davies won the first hole with a bogey four, Lamb having driven into a bunker to the right, and having put his approach shot into the hanking nullah. The 2nd was halved in four's.

The 3rd was also halved. Davies conceded a stroke here, but Lamb was unfortunate to be stymied when three yards from the pin.

At the 4th, Davies put his spoon shot four yards from the pin, and sank for a birdie 2. Lamb hooked his drive into a bad spot, and became two down. The 5th was halved in 4's.

Davies won the 6th in 3. He put his tee shot three yards from the pin. Lamb was off the green to the right, and was slightly too strong with his chip shot and failed to go down in three. The 7th was halved in 4's.

At the 8th, Davies became 4 up. Lamb was short with his approach, but laid a beautiful chip shot dead. Davies was near the edge for 2, but sank an extraordinary putt for a birdie three.

Lamb took the 9th with a perfect 4. Davies drove into the bunker to the right of the green, exploded over and went down in five.

Thus at the turn, Davies was 3 up, having gone round in bogey figures of 34.

THE second nine commenced like the first nine. Davies won the hole, but this time with a birdie 3. Lamb hooked his drive and failed to recover.

The 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th holes were halved, and the end came at the 15th.

WHILE it has never been advocated that sport and

SPORTS ADVTs.

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Timings are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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O. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

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Dates For Walker Cup Matches Reserved

The biennial Walker Cup matches with Great Britain still are booked for Aug. 30-31 at the Town and Country Club, St. Paul. The U. S. G. A. has submitted the customary invitation to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, but as yet the latter neither has accepted nor declined the invitation.

politics should mix, American golfers have taken to the idea of the "Help Finland" movement, which is in progress in the States, and Frank Strafaci, one of the leading amateurs over there, has suggested that an amateur team, captained by Bobby Jones, should play the honorary Ryder Cup team which was chosen by the P.G.A. after the matches with England were cancelled last year. Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen would act as co-captains of the professionals, and the whole proceeds would be directed to Finland.

Strafaci suggests that the match be held at the Augusta Course, Georgia, where the Masters Tournament is played, and that it should be held on April 2 and 3—two days before the Masters Tournament begins.

The amateur team proposed (besides Bobby Jones) are Ray Billows (twice runner-up in the National Amateur), Bud Ward (present amateur champion), Wilford Wehrle, Art Doering, Willie Turnesa (1938 amateur champion), Dick Chapman, Johnny Goodman and Johnny Fischer (former champions) and Charles Yates (former British Amateur champion).

It only remains for the amateur golf authorities to give their sanction.

WHEN the Nazis marched into Austria, they pushed Hans Swinton, well-known golfer, over to Canada, where he is now at the University of Columbia. Swinton is a friend of Henry Cotton, and still retains his membership of St. Andrews.

In 1930, Swinton reached the semi-finals of the Hungarian Amateur; in 1937 he was runner-up in the Czech-Slovakian Championship, and took third place in the Australian Amateur.

FOREIGNERS, in future, wishing to compete in the United States Open or Amateur Championships will, as a general rule, be required to compete in the Sectional Qualifying rounds, although exceptions may be made in certain circumstances. This was a ruling made by the U.S.G.A. at the recent annual meeting, when Mr. H. W. Pierce was elected President in succession to Mr. A. M. Reid.

This decision, it is reported, was reached because the premium on places is so high that the Committee was unable to make as many places as possible available to the large field of United States entrants.



A. E. Davies, Royal Naval Dockyard P. T. Instructor, who has had an extraordinarily successful year in the competitions at the Kowloon G.C.

Rugby

Seven-A-Side Tournament Next Week

WITH THE END of the rugby season in sight, the annual Seven-A-Side Tournament organised by the Hongkong Football Club will be played off next week on the Club ground at Happy Valley on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, March 11, 13 and 16.

Seven-a-side football is a fast and open game, which provides an excellent spectacle and lively entertainment for spectators, though it is a somewhat gruelling experience for players. The game originated many years ago on the Scottish Borders, where many clubs used to open their seasons with such a Tournament. This was no doubt good for training and allowed for easy spotting of new talent, but now-a-days it has become customary for tournaments to take place at the end of the season as a grand finale, and there are now many "sevens" tournaments organized in the British Isles, usually for charity, around the Easter holidays. Perhaps the most famous of these are the Melrose Sevens in Scotland and the Middlesex in England.

TOURNAMENTS OF PLAY "knock-out" system, with teams of seven each side, matches taking place under Rugby Union rules. Seven minutes each way are played, with a minute rest at half-time. The finalists play a rather longer game of fifteen minutes each way, with two minutes half-time. Should scores be level at no-side, teams change over and play five minute periods until one or the other side scores, when the match finishes immediately.

It is hoped that the public will flock to all three days of the local tournament, especially as proceeds are to be devoted entirely to the British War Organisation Fund. Play commences on Monday and Wednesday, March 11 and 13 at 4.30 p.m., and on Saturday, March 16 at 3 p.m. The final is likely to be played at about 5.30 p.m.

RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS AT SHEUNGSHIU

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP and the Captain's Cup Competition of the Country Club, Sheungshiu, are nearing an end—the semi-finals having been played; the Foursomes Competition was won by F. E. A. Remedios and W. C. Hung, and the Mixed Foursomes is the only remaining tournament to be concluded. First round matches in the latter were played on Sunday last.

The results of the Club Championship semi-finals were:
A. A. Lopes beat H. Kew 2 up.
E. Sadleir beat C. H. Suen 5 and 4.

Captain's Cup

The results of the Captain's Cup semi-finals were:
S. V. Gittins (14) beat Geo. Lee (18) 3 and 2.
M. F. de Pinna (18) beat E. J. M. Churn (15) by 3 and 2.

Foursomes

The final of the Foursomes:
F. E. A. Remedios and W. C. Hung beat T. Y. C. Lee and P. K. Tsau 1 up.

Mixed Foursomes

First round matches in the Mixed Foursomes were:
Miss L. G. Abing and C. H. Suen beat Miss E. Ford and S. V. Gittins 4 and 3.
Miss M. C. Churn and A. W. Ramsey beat Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Basto 5 and 4.
Mrs. A. J. Kew and T. Y. C. Lee beat Mr. and Mrs. E. Lee 2 up.
Miss Segura and F. E. Tsau beat Miss A. Roza and E. J. M. Churn 3 and 2.
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios received a walk-over from Miss M. Mooney and C. Kew.
Miss L. Heang and Geo. Lee beat Miss Mabel Churn and A. T. Lee 4 and 3.

Tennis Singles Tournament

Tsui Yun-pui Defeats T. J. Gould 6-4, 6-3

(By "Tinker")

ONLY TWO MATCHES in the Colony Open Tennis Championships were played at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday, both being singles. Tsui Yun-pui entered the second round at the expense of T. J. Gould, whom he beat 6-4, 6-3, and A. R. Kitchell beat Y. H. Ho 6-4, 6-2.

Though Tsui was not fully extended, Gould provided opposition that kept the spectators interested. He concentrated on Tsui's backhand, which is not the latter's weakness, and on one particular occasion Gould was left standing with a sizzling cross-court backhand. It was in rare shots like these that Tsui gave glimpses of true form.

Gould was not hopelessly outclassed. He served accurately and well. He tried hard to manoeuvre his opponent around, and on a couple of occasions succeeded in slipping side-line shots past the Chinese player for winners. Tsui led in the first set right from the beginning, and though Gould crept up to 4-5, the succeeding game ended the set.

In the second set, Tsui was led 2-1 and then 3-1, but jumped into form and put over some very fine cross-court drives that took him into the lead at 4-3. He increased it to 5-3, and in the last game was leading 40-15 but could not end the set until twelve had been called once.

To-day's programme is:

OPEN SINGLES

Pang Oi-lan v. Lee Hun-keek.
S. A. Hussain v. Chan Kwong-lu.
T. A. Pearce v. Wong Hok-nang.
Marsland M. v. E. Zulu.
Kwok Hing-chung v. O. Ramjahn.
Bew Louie v. O. Umclan.

OPEN DOUBLES

E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. A. Chan and J. Heu.

CLUB SINGLES

J. S. Theobald v. V. R. Gordon.



Mrs. Glenda Collett-Vall, famed American golfer, seems quite pleased with the drive she has just sent down the fairway.

FOOTBALL REFEREES RAISING MONEY FOR CLUBHOUSE

THE PUBLICATION of a bi-monthly magazine during the next football season in order to raise funds for a clubhouse was decided upon at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Referees' Association last night.

Disappointment was expressed by the Chairman, Mr. D. M. Mitchell, at the refusal of the League Management Committee to grant permission for a match between the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation and the Rest of the Colony on March 13 in aid of the Association because of the congestion of fixtures. He hoped the game could be played at the beginning of next season.

TALK ON REFEREEING

AN INTERESTING talk on refereeing in the English Football League was given by Mr. H. S. Stokes.

Referees for the first and second divisions, he said, received a fee of three guineas while those for the third were paid two guineas, besides travelling expenses. In the case of line-men, those for the first and second divisions were each paid one and half guineas, while those for the third received one guinea. About 50 per cent. of the referees were either schoolmasters or commercial travellers.

PROMOTION HARD

THERE WERE 50 referees in the League with 30 supplementary ones, while the number of line-men was approximately 100. Before one could be a line-man he must be a class 1 referee of his County or Service Association. The ways to promotion to supplementary referee and, if lucky, perhaps later to referee, were hard and stormy and only very few even got the half-way stage. The referees and line-men were appointed on a system, and though the number of these officials seemed a lot, actually it was not so for in its 37 weeks season no fewer than 1,048 matches were played in all four divisions. Each of the 80 referees was allocated 20 matches for the season, and each supplementary referee had 12 games plus 12 line appointments.

UNIVERSITY HOLD CLUB TO CREDITABLE DRAW

Junior League Cricket Reviewed By "R. Abbit"

IN DEALING at a considerable length with the K.C.C. v. Recreio Match yesterday I am afraid I rather crowded out a few observations on the 2nd Division cricket. One of the most interesting results was the match in which the University second managed to hold quite a useful Club second to a draw.

The Club knocked up 178 but they only got really going after 6 wickets had fallen, Parsons, Armstrong, Mitchell and Lowe all being dismissed cheaply. MacLeod got 30 and Lawrence 15, but it wasn't until Paterson and Bishop came together that runs came along quickly. They put up 73 for the 7th wicket, and, with Divett in, he and Bishop added 49, in an unbroken stand for the 8th wicket.

It looks as if the declaration had been delayed too long, but on enquiry I find that the last two overs produced about 39 runs. Actually, Mitchell would probably have been quite safe on declaring at 149, but he was under the impression that it would be possible to play up to 6.30—the agreed time for drawing. However, at 6.15 it was much too dark for cricket.

The University batted very stoutly, six of their men getting into double figures, and they just avoided defeat.

Small Scoring

IN THE GAME between the C.C.C. second and the I.R.C. there was another draw, and a pretty tight fit! I see that the veteran U. M. Omar is turning out for the second—at least I suppose he is the bowler who used to play for the first and for Hongkong. The Craigengower could only manage 101—Lock (20) and Lum (24) being top scorers. The Indians collected 93 for 9 wickets, and it would have been hard put to it but for an innings of 30 by M. I. Razack, while T. Ali (17 not out) held up things in the end, with A. M. Omar doing very well with the ball. His figures were 14/4/30/6.

Another Recreio Win

THE RECREIO had a day out altogether, as their second Eleven beat the K.C.C. second by 32 runs, which puts them in a very nice place in the 2nd Division table, as they are only one point behind the I.R.C. with a match in hand.

A. M. Prata as usual got runs, making 33, while J. E. Noronha had 32, and A. V. Gosano going in No. 10 rattled up 33, and then took 3 for 16. Guterres had 6 for 44. Down at the Valley the C. S. second were no match whatever for the Police. Only H. Strange and G. Ainsley got into double figures and they were all out for 67. Danbrowsky had another good day, taking 4 for 11. The Police hit off the runs without difficulty, and finally totalled 143 for 9 wickets.

The Sunday Game

THE VOLUNTEERS visited Craigengower on Sunday, and found them in particularly good form. After a good opening by W. Hong-Sing (19) and Ernie Zimmern (48), F. R. Zimmern, Esmaill, G. Souza and Billmoria all fell rapidly to Perry. However, Hise and Hanson steadied things up, and S. Ramschand and Winch put on 70 for the last wicket, making the total 232.

A GOOD TRY

THE VOLUNTEERS started appallingly—and, by the way, they were not at full strength—but with Griffiths and Perry together, things improved. It is simply amazing how these Club servants cannot get runs from anything else, but the C. S. Griffiths had 22, Perry 71, and Gegg ran up 43. However, they could not quite manage it and were all out for 181 runs.

Hongkong C.C. Teams Selected

The following will represent the Hongkong C.C. at cricket on Saturday:
1st XI against Craigengower C.C. (Home)—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), Surg. Lt.-Comdr. W. G. Finnie, J. H. Ho, M. F. L. Haynes, H. Owen Hughes, A. K. MacKenzie, D. McCallan, J. L. C. Pearce, A. E. Perry, J. E. Richardson and E. W. 2nd XI against Diocesan Boys School (Away)—R. S. W. Paterson (Capt.), C. W. E. Hishop, N. D. Booker, G. P. Charlton, C. G. Godfrey, D. O. Parsons, J. E. Potter, D. S. Robb, L. C. Smith, T. M. Sutter and I. P. Tamworth.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Teams

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey this week (7 p.m. to-morrow)—Hewell, Jordan and Tomlinson, Smith, McCallan and Colledge, Corcoran, Spence, Fenington, White and Highlands.
1st XI against Kumson Rides (7 p.m. ground, 4.15 p.m.; Saturday)—Hewell, Taylor and Tomlinson, Kempton, Pennington and Goobie, Smith, Gemmill, White, Eddy and Bates.
2nd XI against Kumson Rides (Marina 4.15 p.m.; Sunday)—Hewell, Jordan and Grant, Treason, Gilchrist and Brock, Stone, Dormer, Corcoran, Spence and Banks.

BOXING ACTIVITY IN U.S.A.

NEW YORK, Mar. 5 (UP).—The Twentieth Century Sports Club has announced that the Garcia-Ken Overlin middleweight bout for April 3 has been postponed until May 24 on account of Garcia's boils.

It appears that Garcia is to have two fights in three days, for a message from Seattle states that Nate Druxman has said that Mike Jacobs has agreed to release Garcia for his fight with Al Hostak in that city, and the

Drawn Bout For World Bantamweight Title

TORONTO, Mar. 5 (UP).—Lou Salica and George Pace, both 171½ lbs., drew in a furious fight lasting 15 rounds for the world's bantamweight title to-day. A crowd of 8,500 paid \$10,000 to see the title of battle swing from one to the other. In the end the two judges and referee all voted differently.

Pace, who was 9-5 favourite before the fight, was tired in the last three rounds. Salica made a whirlwind finish.

bout will possibly take place on May 21.

Garcia has not yet signed up for the latter bout, but it is not seen how he can "pass up."

RETURN MATCH DOUBTFUL

A RETURN MATCH between George Pace and Lou Salica for the world bantamweight title is doubtful at the moment, for it has been disclosed that Pace severely injured his left hand in yesterday's fight when in the fifth round he hooked to Salica's head.

M.C.C. RESPONSE TO SUGGESTED REGIONAL LEAGUE

TO the following circular letter, sent to first-class county and minor counties clubs, is attached the signature of Sir Pelham Warner, who, soon after the outbreak of war, was appointed deputy assistant secretary of the M.C.C.:

"In view of certain requests made to M.C.C. regarding Regional cricket, the M.C.C. committee have replied that they are not at this stage prepared to initiate what has been described as Regional cricket. 'At the same time, I am to add that, if there is a general feeling among the counties that this form of cricket is reasonable and possible, the right course would be for the counties to ask for a meeting of the Advisory County Cricket Committee to be summoned.'"

The first circular letter on the subject of Regional cricket was sent out to the county clubs by the Surrey club last autumn, but the one we print to-day represents the first official move from headquarters.

Army Sevens' Tourney Reaches Final

FAST RUGBY was seen at the Sookunpoo ground yesterday when the Army Seven-A-Side Tournament was held.

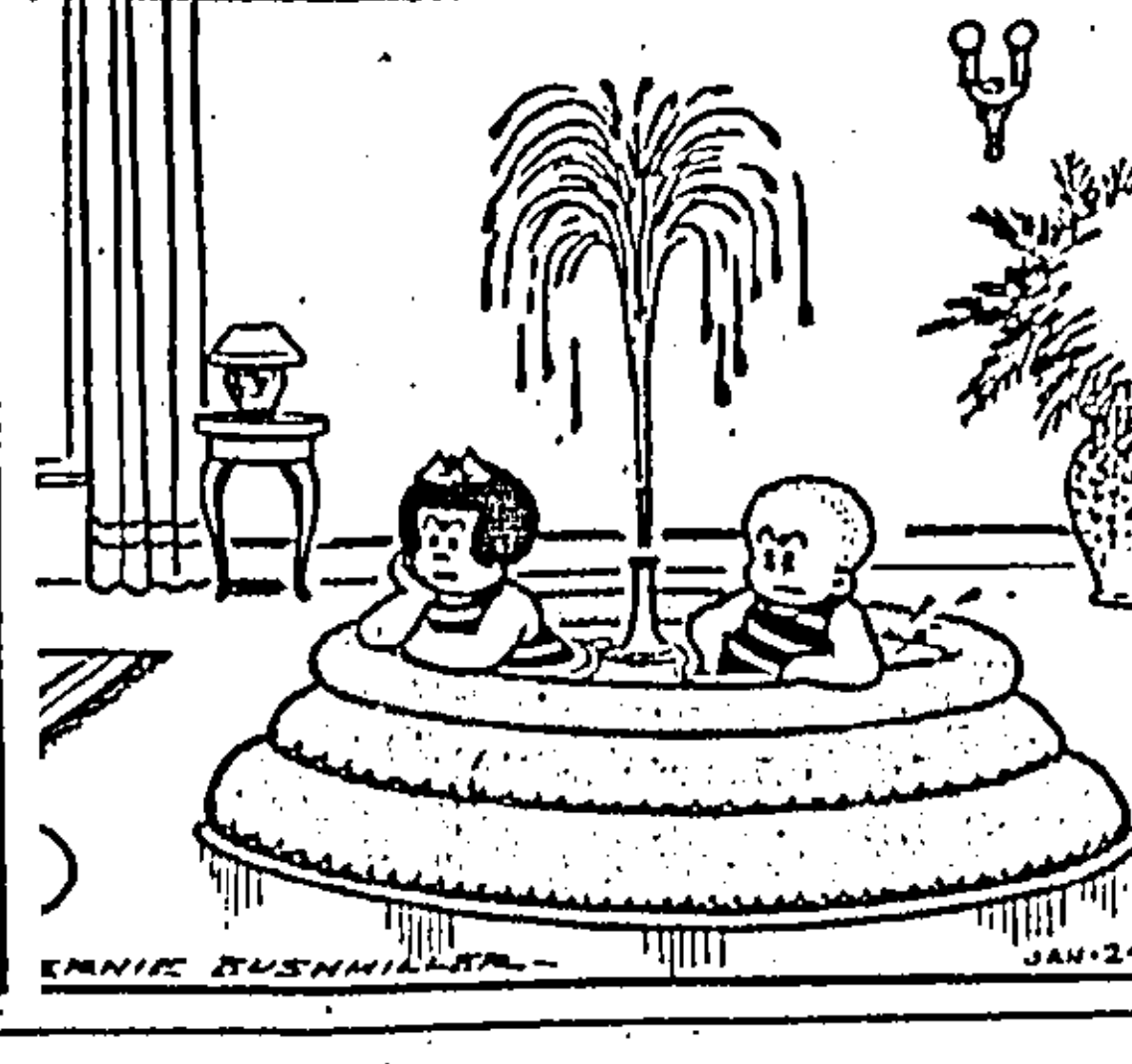
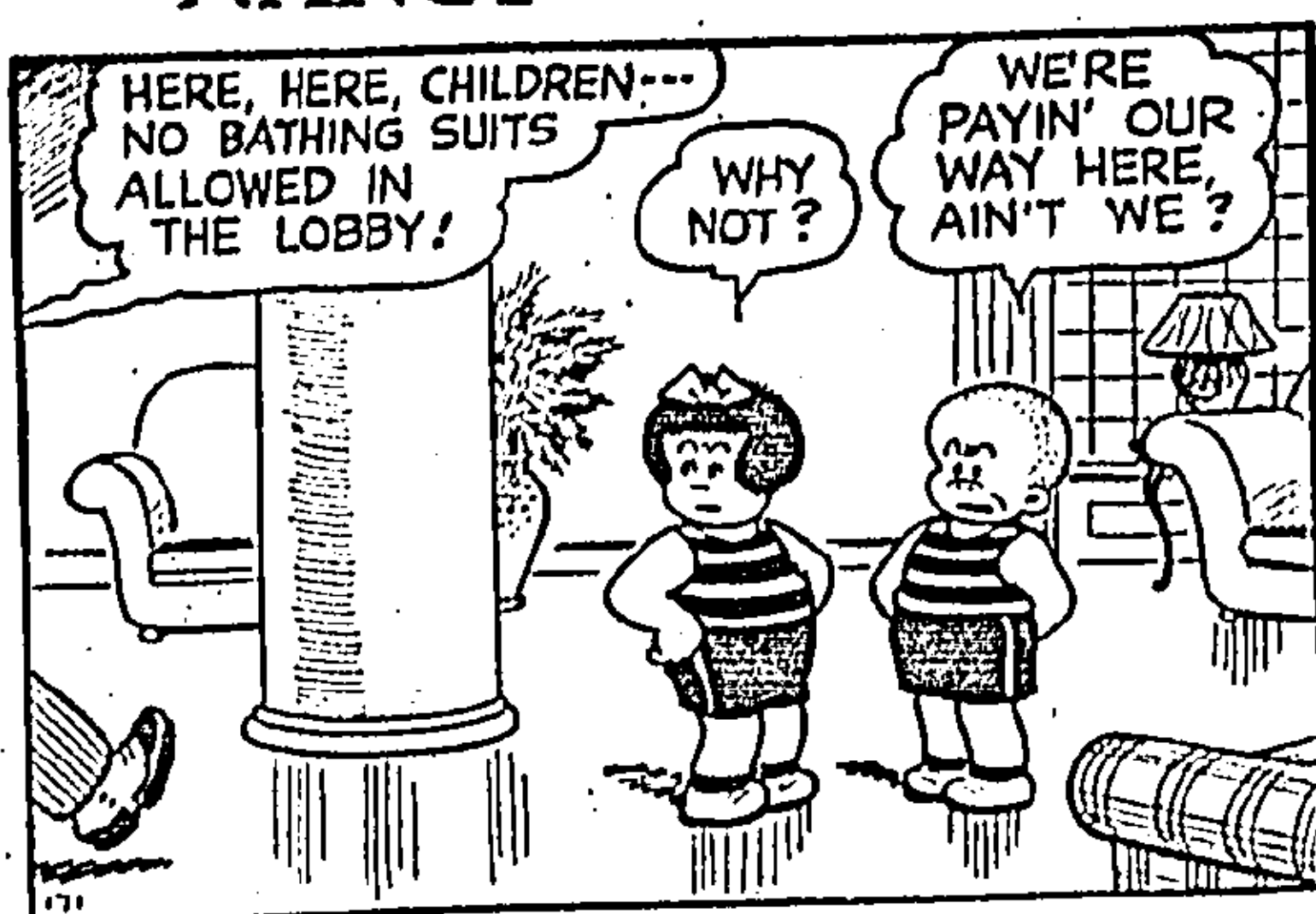
Royal Scots "A" and Royal Engineers were in fine form, and reached the semi-finals where they qualified to meet each other in the final. Royal Scots encountered 1st Middlesex "B" and won by a convincing margin of 13-0, and Engineers won from the Middlesex "A" by 9-5.

Following were the results: 2nd Royal Scots defeated 1st Middlesex "A" by 13-0, and Engineers beat Royal Scots "A" by 13-0. 2nd Royal Scots "A" beat 1st Heavy Brigade "A" by 13-0. 1st Heavy Brigade "A" beat 1st Middlesex "B" by 13-0. 1st Heavy Brigade "A" beat 1st Middlesex "A" by 13-0. 1st Heavy Brigade "A" beat 1st Middlesex "B" by 13-0.

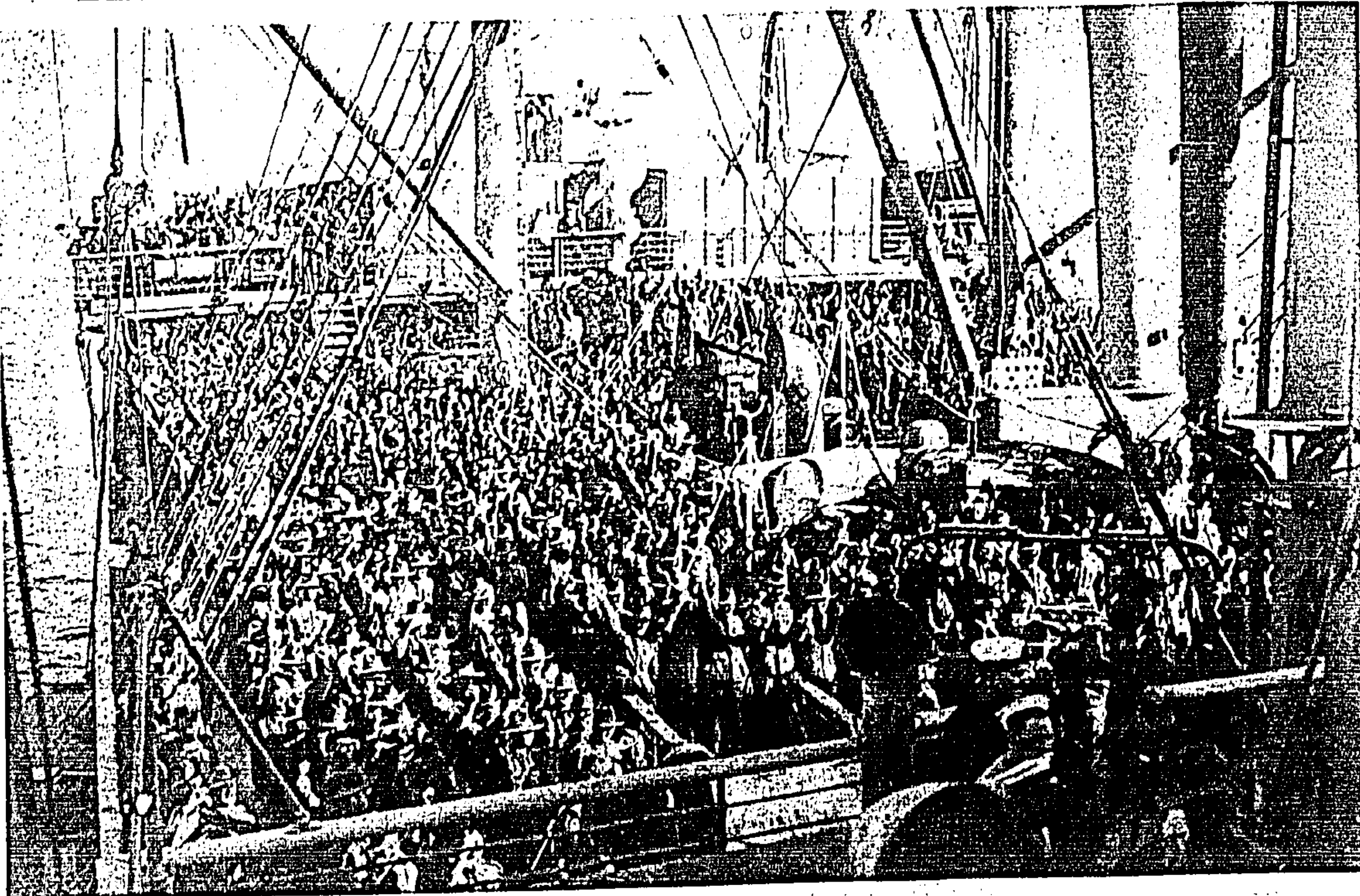
King's College Sports

The tenth annual athletic sports of King's College will be held at 1.30 p.m. Mrs. H. G. Walling-Caroline Hill on March 21, commencing will distribute the prizes.

NANCY



THE ARRIVAL OF THE ANZACS IN EGYPT



ANZACS lined up in serried rows on the deck of one of the luxury liners which brought them to Suez from Australia and New Zealand. They were welcomed there by Capt. Anthony Eden, who flew from England with a message for the men from His Majesty the King.—Domel.

GINGER ROGERS SEEKS DIVORCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—HOLLYWOOD, March 5 (UP).—Ginger Rogers the film star has filed a petition for divorce from her husband, Lew Ayres, charging desertion.

Mr. Ayres is not contesting the suit which has been filed in the Superior Court. The couple have been separated for five years.



They were married in 1934. Two years later they announced that they were separating amicably without any idea of securing a divorce.

Lew Ayres became a "star" when he played a leading role in the famous war film "All Quiet on the Western Front", recently reissued and shown in Hongkong.

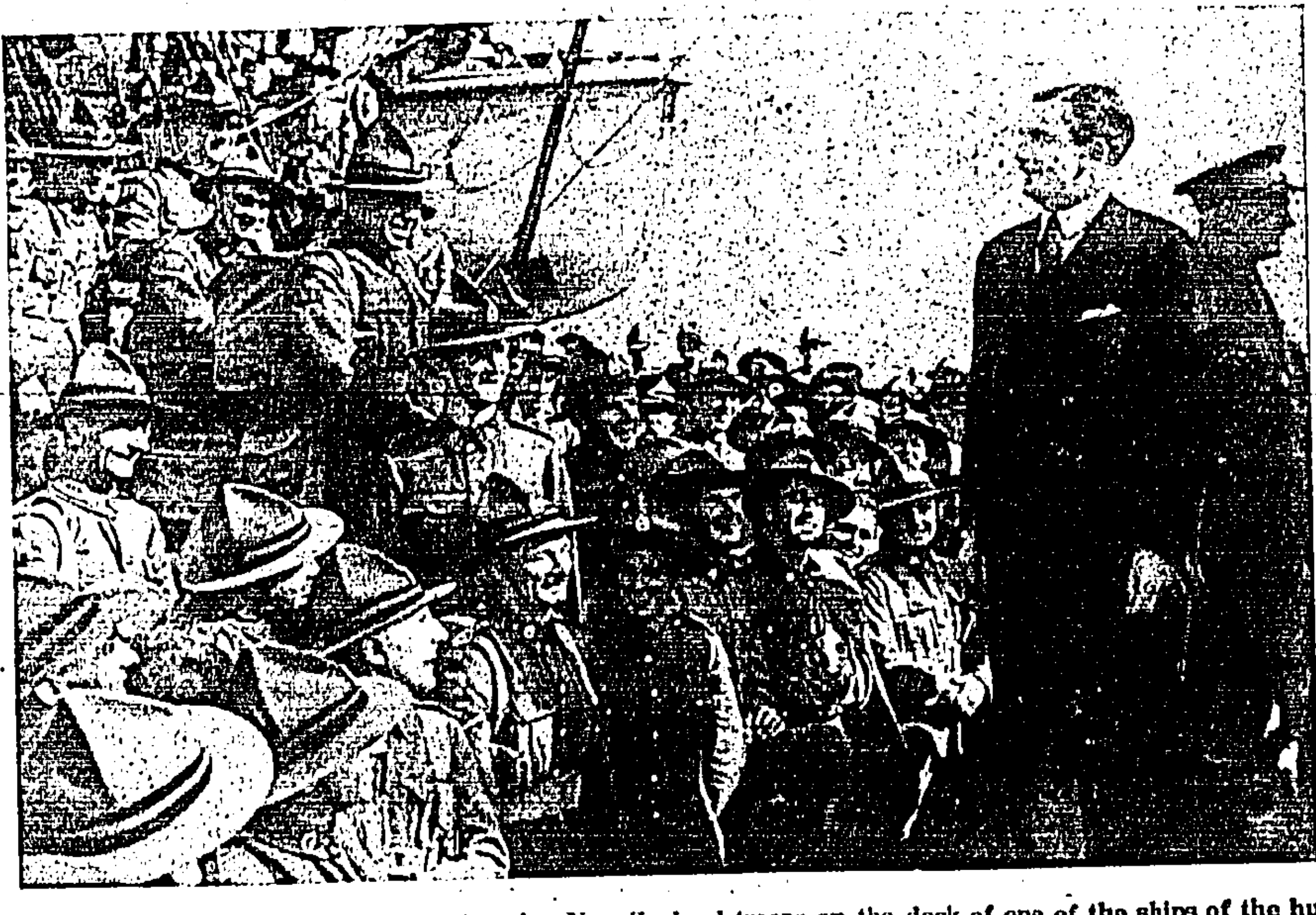
A Hongkong Favourite

For some time after he became somewhat obscure in the film world, but he has again come to the forefront in his series of "Dr. Kildare" films, in which he stars with Lionel Barrymore.

Ginger Rogers, once selected by Hongkong film fans as the most popular actress of the year, became famous through her work with Fred Astaire, but more recently she has been playing starred straight roles, her latest picture in Hongkong being "Fifth Avenue Girl."

CONGRESS PARTY LEADER RESIGNS

NEW DELHI, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Dr. Mohamed Ali, Deputy Leader of the Congress Party in the Punjab Legislative Assembly, has resigned. He said yesterday that it was the duty of every Moslem to rally under one banner and consolidate the position of the Moslem community.



MR. ANTHONY EDEN addressing New Zealand troops on the deck of one of the ships of the huge convoy of luxury liners which brought the Anzacs to Egypt.—Domel.

New Warships For America

Contracts Awarded To New York Firm

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (UP).—The Navy Department to-day announced that they have awarded to the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, N.J., contracts for the construction of two 10,000-ton light cruisers for the sum of \$17,980,000 each, to be named Cleveland and Columbia.

These are the last of the 21 combatant ships authorized under the 1938 expansion programme.

It is reported they will have great speed and cruising range and will mount 6 inch guns. They will be completed within 36 and 39 months respectively.

Summer Holidays As Usual

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Despite a recent order making part of Scotland "a prohibited area," holiday makers will be able to visit the Scottish Highlands as usual.

This was announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Oliver Stanley who said that there was no reason why the order should discourage visits to the Highlands for business or holiday reasons.

On The Home Front Key-Men To Be Retained

15,000 Reservists Released

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Both here and in France, steps are being taken to see that industry does not suffer from the fact that key-men are in the fighting forces.

The British Army has released 15,000 reservists for three months, and the calling-up of men engaged on work of national importance will be postponed.

French Measures

In France, new labour decrees are designed to leave at their work men who cannot be replaced easily. Farm labourers too will stay on their farms.

Women and children will be drafted to farms where there are not sufficient volunteers.

Other occupations in France where women can take over men's work are now being listed.

Here in Britain, the expansion of industry is reducing the number of unemployed. The February figure is down by 600,000 over the figure for a year ago.

Not Hannibal Wreckage

Air Liner's Fate Still A Mystery

NEW DELHI, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—What was at first thought to be the wreckage of the Imperial Airways liner Hannibal is now found to be the wreckage of a dhow.

The air search is to be continued to-morrow, but it is now assumed that the Hannibal sank in the sea and that there is no hope of finding survivors.

INDIA'S NEW AIR SERVICES

NEW DELHI, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The rapid expansion of India's internal air services is seen in the report of the Director of Civil Aviation in India for 1939.

The Indian Airways carried four times as much mail as in the year before. The total mileage was increased by 127 per cent, and the number of passengers carried nearly doubled that of 1937.

Despite the expansion, the Indian Airways maintained their high record of safety. Not one passenger was injured during the four years from 1935 to 1938 although the flights totalled over 3,500 miles.

FINNS BATTLE ON ICE FLOES

By EDWARD BEATTIE
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 5 (UP).—In the most daring attacks of the Finnish War, the Russians to-day sent two columns over the ice in the Bay of Finland.

The columns were composed of light tanks manned by two men each and they hurried an attack against the islands of Haapasaari and Virolahti.

Both columns were cut to pieces by Finnish coastal batteries. To-day's official Finnish communiqué states that the Finns continue to repulse Russian attacks on the islands near Viborg and also on the capes at the mouth of the Bay and on the northwest shore.

It claimed that 500 Russians were killed today in fighting at Kuho. Local attacks at Aeyraepajueri and Pollakala between Viborg Bay and Vuoksi were repulsed.

The air raid alarm was sounded for 15 minutes in Helsingfors this morning, but anti-aircraft batteries prevented the raiders from reaching the city.

Marking Time

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—COPENHAGEN, 5 (UP).—The "Berlingske Aftenavis" correspondent at Helsingfors to-day reports that the Russians are now marking time outside Viborg for two reasons; first, because the suburbs have been heavily mined by the Finns, and it is therefore dangerous to advance under the enemy's rearguard fire; secondly, because the Russians want to protect their flanks to the north and south, and to avoid being trapped in Viborg itself.

In a daring manoeuvre the Russians are trying to strike far out across the Gulf of Finland outside the Bay of Viborg and the well fortified positions which the Finns have prepared along the coast of the bay, in order to turn these fortifications. This would be difficult without sufficient artillery to break up the ice.

New Land Advance

The report stated that the Russians have reached a point on land near Virolahti, 40 miles south of Viborg and 20 miles east of Fredrikshamn, but the Finns report that this landing from the ice was repulsed at the last moment by hastily reinforced Finnish forces.

The Finns are said to be urgently in need of pursuit planes in this sector as well as on their north flank at Aeyraepajueri Pass, east of Helsinki, where the Russians are attempting to broaden their flank and to cut the Taipale defences from the rear.

It is also reported that north of Lake Ladoga, a Russian division believed to be the 168th—have been surrounded near Kitelee and are at present in a dangerous situation under constant action by Finnish patrols.

Finnish Communiqué

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—To-day's Finnish communiqué states that on the Karelian Isthmus the enemy made attacks all day against the islands in the Bay of Viborg and on the north of the western beach.

Fighting continued at most places north of the Bay.

At other places, the attacks have been repulsed.

Fighting continues in the Kuho sector.

Our troops have repulsed Russian attack and have captured several enemy nests.

Enemy losses were more than 500 killed.

Enemy air activity was confined to some flights on the Isthmus and over the districts north-east of Lake Ladoga.

Three enemy planes were shot down.

DANUBE THAWS

Shipping Traffic Soon To Resume

BUDAPEST, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The ice on the Danube has begun to break up and if the present warm weather holds and no considerable flooding occurs, the shipping traffic may be resumed in about a fortnight.

Since the Danube was frozen two months ago some 1,200 ships, mostly tankers and 400 grain ships, have been held up along the Hungarian reaches of the river.

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British Tommies Meet Fighting Skill Of Nazis On West Front

BRITISH MAGINOT OUTPOST RAIDED

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—News of a German raid on an outpost of the British Maginot force was contained in an official communiqué issued by the British General Headquarters to-night which states that "the raid occurred this morning against a post in the British front line and the enemy succeeded in capturing some prisoners. The post was recaptured and the enemy retired leaving one dead. Two British soldiers were killed and one wounded."

The reports that there has been increasing patrol activity on the Western Front may be due to the effects which are taking place on both sides of the line as well as improved weather conditions, writes Reuter's Military Correspondent.

More Cleverness

The German patrols have shown more cleverness than they did during the last war and old British soldiers with the B.E.F. attribute this to the Hitler Youth Movement and hiking.

The Germans are less sheep-like than formerly, they change their routes when on patrol and have mastered the art of noiseless movement.

The German gunners have also improved and do not shell the same places at the same time as they did in the last war.

The German Army has not been wasting its time during the winter and has formed many new divisions, the majority of which are organized on the infantry pattern with drawn transport.

Only armoured and light tank divisions are completely mechanised.

Shortage Of Staff Officers

Except in Poland, none of the present German Army's generals have held important commands in war-time. There is a serious shortage of trained staff officers in the German Army.

Since Hitler assumed power only a few have been able to complete the extensive staff college training of three years.

Relations between German officers and their men, however, have greatly improved.

During the first week the B.E.F. held a sector on the Front Line. There was no moon and the blackness of the woods at night made it difficult to distinguish the German patrols admirably led by young officers. Many excellent lessons were

Nova Scotia To Help Win War

"Our Most Important Consideration"

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—"Winning the war is now our first and most important consideration," declared a speech from the Throne read by the Chief Justice Sir Joseph Chisholm at the opening of the Legislature.

The speech added that many other matters of interest and advantage to Nova Scotia must be postponed until that is achieved.

The speech revealed that Nova Scotia had taken steps to make the province's mineral resources more readily available for Canada's war effort.

S. A. PLANES IN FINLAND

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—It has been learned authoritatively that the Gloucester Gauntlet fighting planes released by South Africa for the Finns have arrived in Finland.

There has recently been a great speeding up in the delivery of foreign aircraft and there are now more than 100 planes from America, France, Italy and Sweden in action, including over 50 British fighters and bombers.

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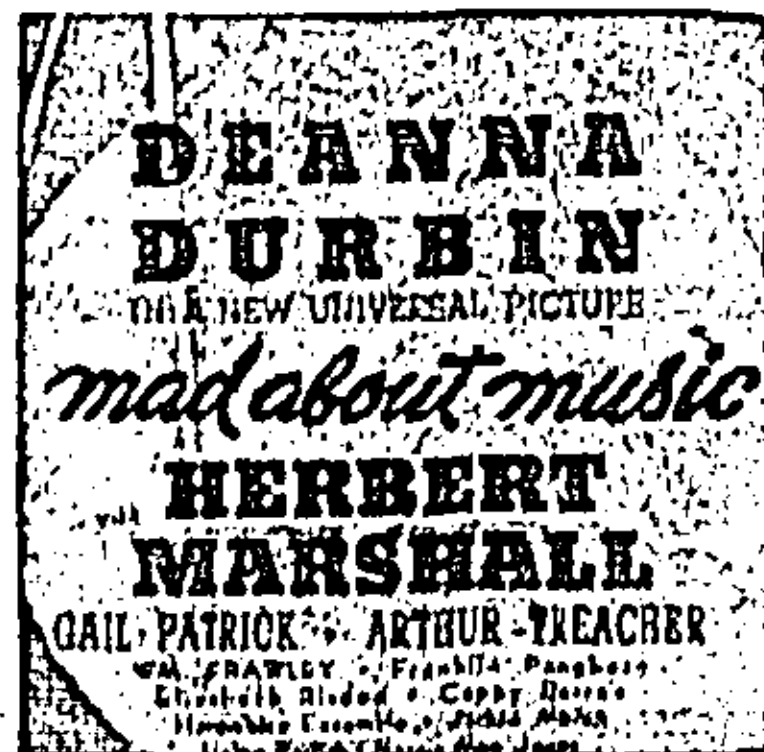
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New British War Loan

£300,000,000 To Be Raised At 3%

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, March 5 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that a new war loan totalling £300,000,000 at 3 per cent. will be issued at par and redeemable at 15 and 19 years.

He said subscriptions must be completed by March 15.
To Be Opened March 12
LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that a War Loan of £300,000,000 for 15 to 19 years at three per cent. will be issued at par.

The lists will be opened on March 12 and closing on March 13. Ten per cent. will be payable on application and the balance on April 15.

City Welcomes

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Sir John Simon's war loan announcement was welcomed enthusiastically in the city, says "Reuter's" City Editor. It is expected to constitute a stabilising influence in the market for Government securities.

Some circles even suggest that it may have a tonic effect on current prices. Inter-office dealings after the announcement were notable for the strength of gilt-edged stocks, with War Loan at 100 per cent.

Terms Exactly Right

It is generally believed that the terms and issue price are exactly right in the present market conditions for this kind of loan.

It is stressed in official circles that no further war loan will be issued on terms as favourable as those now announced. It is hoped that the banks will give reasonable assistance in the shape of temporary credit arrangements for the smaller investors anxious to subscribe but who are not in position to complete payment on April 15 of the 90 per cent. of the remaining due after meeting the 10 per cent. application money.

Chancellor's Announcement

LONDON Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Sir John Simon, at the outset of the announcement, said that our very large national expenditure had been so far financed by additional taxation imposed last September, by an appreciable increase in the volume of Treasury bills and the ever-mounting proceeds of the very successful savings campaign since November.

The Government's appeal for subscriptions to a large loan had necessarily to be delayed until it was felt that the market was ripe for its issue. The time for this had now arrived.

Borrowing since the outbreak of war had all been for short periods. The new loan, however, would be for a period of 15 to 19 years, carry an interest of three per cent. and would be issued at par.

Chap Borrowing

That rate records with the Government's avowed policy of borrowing as cheaply as possible, and at the same time it is a reasonable one from the investor's point of view.

The loan will be repaid in part on October 15, 1959, but the Treasury reserve the right of redemption partly or wholly at any time after October 14, 1955, on three months' notice.

It is, therefore, to be known as the Three Per Cent. War Loan, 1955-59.

To Borrow Much More
The amount of issue is limited to £300,000,000. The Government will have to borrow considerably more than that during the next 12 months, but a first issue for a limited amount is convenient to the Treasury from several viewpoints, and it is also in the general interests of the lender.

Ten per cent. of all subscriptions will be payable on application and the balance on April 15 next.

Subject to certain safeguards, the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposed offering to non-resident subscribers exemptions from taxation somewhat similar to those attaching to some of our loans in the last war.

There will be Post Office and National Savings Bank issues, to which the minimum subscription of £10 will be accepted, although no such application must exceed £1,000.

This will afford such subscribers an opportunity of lending their savings for longer than provided by Savings Certificates and Defence Bonds.

RED CONSULATE IS CLOSED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KALGAN, Mar. 6 (Domel).—The Soviet Consulate at Kalgan has been closed due to the decrease of the number of Soviet residents in the district and the suspension of commercial transactions between Inner Mongolia and the Soviet Union.

M. Kotov, the Soviet Consul, and his wife left Kalgan for Peking several days ago. The Soviet Consulate at Kalgan was opened in June, 1934.

Big Fall In Revenue But Income Tax Yield Up To Expectations

LONDON, Mar. 5 (British Wire- less).

The total inland revenue collected during the current financial year to March 4 was £214,014,000 against the estimated revenue of £278,750,000 for the full financial year.

Income tax so far collected accounts for £244,774,000 and with four weeks still to run, it seems probable that the estimated income tax yield for the year, £390,000,000 will be fully realised.

Surtax has yielded to date £56,980,000 towards the estimate of £75,000,000.

Encouraging Figures
Customs and excise collected so far amount to £280,200,000 and to realise the estimate, a further £2,250,000 must be collected before the end of the current month.

The total ordinary revenue to date is £243,319,700.

At the corresponding date last year, the revenue collected totalled £234,350,251.

The total ordinary expenditure to date amounts to £1,125,113,438.

The estimated total ordinary expenditure for the full year is £1,431,127,000.

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Opposition Pleaded
LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Simon loan announcement was welcomed by the Opposition, who put a few questions on the subject.

Replying to these questions, Sir John Simon said that the suggested issue of a short-term loan at a lower rate of interest, particularly suitable for large financial houses, made by Mr. Pethele Lawrence, would be borne in mind in respect of possible future occasions.

There would certainly have to be future issues, but it would not be wise or prudent for him to make any statement now.

He appreciated the point made by Mr. Leach about preventing would-be lenders on this side entering into collusion with some friend abroad to get better terms.

The Government would take good care to see that it was no president's money which would be lent on the terms that he had suggested.

People in Britain must pay their taxes.

Child Fatally Slapped

Woman Sentenced For Manslaughter

A momentary loss of temper by a young married woman not only resulted in the death of a child but also in her being sentenced to nine months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Criminal Sessions this morning. She was Foo Yuet-ho and the sentence imposed on her was for the manslaughter of a three-year-old boy named Tsang Wing-kin, whom she slapped in a fit of temper.

According to Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown counsel, the child was playing with his brothers and sisters in Sharp Street East on January 20, when the woman's son kicked a ball in their direction. One of the brothers pushed the ball into the drainpipe as it had hit him, whereupon the woman became annoyed, caught hold of him by the hair and slapped him. The brother retaliated by hitting her on the leg with a piece of sugar-cane and then ran away.

Slapped On Head
The woman then turned her attention to Wing-kin and slapped him once on the head. As a result, the child fell ill and died three days later in the Queen Mary Hospital.

Subsequently, the woman was arrested and she said that because the older brother had struck her she had, in a fit of temper, hit the younger one. At the Magistrate's, however, she stated that the child was struck by his own brother.

Dr. Lien Tsoong-ky, of the Queen Mary Hospital, said he found an area of bruising in the brain of the child about an inch in diameter. The cause of death was contusion of the brain due to external violence.

Denies Hitting Child
Following evidence by other witnesses of the prosecution, Foo told the Court that she never struck the child. She only hit his elder brother, who retaliated with a piece of sugar cane and struck the child by accident.

Without ratiing, the Jury unanimously found Foo guilty. Passing sentence, His Lordship said there could not be a shadow of doubt that the woman lost her temper and struck the child without intending to do much harm. Nevertheless, as a result of her loss of temper, a child had lost its life and she must be punished.

The following was the Jury: Messrs. J. Wood (Foreman), J. Hung Tang, Ho Hung-kwan, A. P. E. da Silva, P. A. Elms, A. M. O. Remedios and Lau Lung-sung.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The market is a trifle easier. There is no rush of selling, though buyers have temporarily gained the upper hand, and are basing their enquiries on lower levels.

Buyers
Hongkong Banks \$1,400
H.K. Docks \$103 1/2
H.K. Mills \$103 1/2
China Lights (Old) \$8.45
China Lights (New) \$5.40
Sellers
H.K. Docks \$23.10
H.K. Lands \$38 1/2
Electric \$69 1/2
Telephones (New) \$11 1/2
Sales
Hongkong Banks \$1,400/05
H.K. Docks \$23
H.K. Lands \$38.00/38 1/2
H.K. Mills \$103.15
Star Ferries \$67
China Lights (Old) \$8.60
China Lights (New) \$5.55/5 1/2
Electric \$69.00/69
Cements \$20/19.80/19.70
Dairy Farms (Old) \$23

LATE NEWS

SENSATIONAL RED COUP

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 6 (UP).—A sensation has been caused by the arrival of a Battalion of Russian ski troops in the Gulf of Finland. They started from their base at Hogland Island and reached Haapasaari across the ice, finally advancing northwards to Virolahdi. Here they attempted to gain a foothold on the coast 30 miles west of Viborg.

Finnish patrols detected them and coastal batteries opened fire. These attacks are being supported by artillery and planes.

The distance involved is not great, but the crossing is perilous owing to the great cracks in the ice caused by Finnish shells and bombs.

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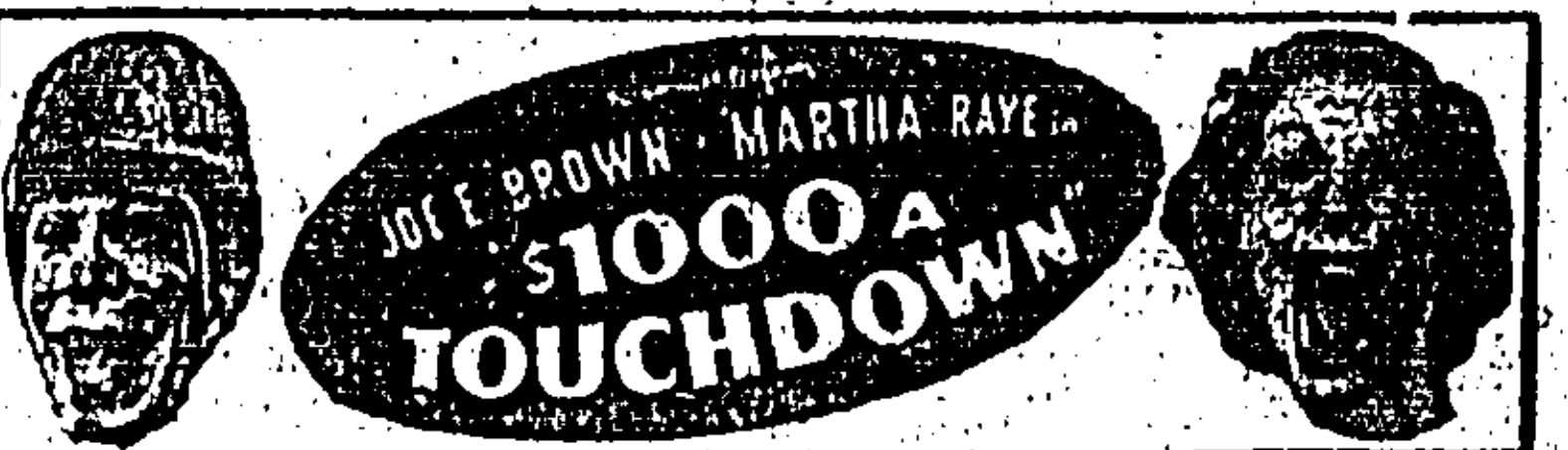
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Pirates Raid H.K. Junk

Lau Fau Shan Bay Outrage
A band of armed pirates are alleged to have seized a Hongkong fishing junk while the vessel was anchored in Lau Fau Shan Bay, British waters, on Sunday night.

In a report to the Police, Wong Hing, 23, who was released by the pirates, said six or seven men armed with revolvers boarded the vessel, tied up the occupants, and took captive his brother, Wong Yuk-fat, and a junkman, Wong Shu-kan.

He was released on Monday together with one of the four women occupants. The remaining three women and two junkmen were left behind. The value of the junk is stated to be \$1,100.

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